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Admits Falsified Petitions

Worker for Briggs Initiative Pleads Guilty

SANTA ANA, CA — A person working for the anti-gay school Briggs Initiative in California has pleaded guilty to charges that he hired citizens to falsify initiative petitions. The petitions were used to successfully qualify the question, which is now Proposition 6, on the November ballot.

Proposition 6 calls for the firing of any gay school worker, teachers and others, in the California system. It was presented by State Sen. John Briggs.

William Crosby was granted three years probation following his plea in Superior Court in Santa Ana in Orange County. Judge Richard Beacon did not formally sentence Crosby to jail or order a fine levied for Crosby's admission of tampering with state election laws.

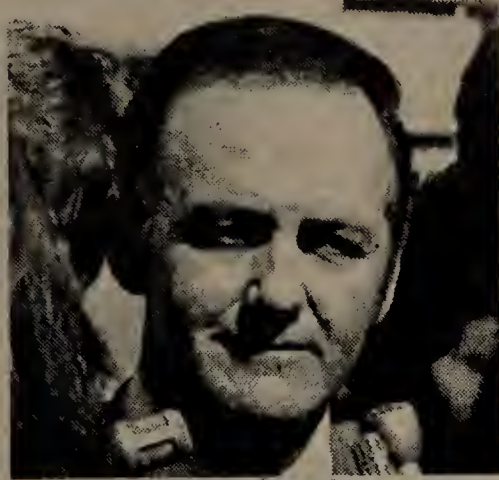
Crosby admitted that he hired people through college and university

employment bulletin boards to illegally copy the names of registered voters onto the Briggs' petitions.

Citing the Crosby case, a number of individuals and activists in Los Angeles have been conducting a court challenge to the appearance of Proposition 6 on the ballot [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 8].

William Crosby was named as the person behind the forgery effort after a Long Beach State student, Claudia Long, who worked for Crosby, alerted gay activists in Los Angeles. Long presented one of the forged petitions to the activists, who called up the persons whose names appeared.

The Briggs forces needed over 312,000 valid signatures before the measure could be placed on the November ballot, and those signatures have been collected. The Senator has denied that any names were collected in



State Sen. John Briggs

a fraudulent manner. He told a news conference, "Well, of course they [those opposed to Proposition 6] are going to say that."

Meanwhile, there are now 10 organi-

zations working to defeat Proposition 6. The No on 6 Committee is a statewide organization based in San Francisco which can be reached by calling (415) 777-0100. Other organizations working against Briggs are the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative/No on 6 at (415) 626-9482; San Franciscans Against Prop. 6 at (415) 552-4450; A United Fund to Defeat the Briggs Initiative at 1 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco 94102; Sonoma County Residents Against Prop. 6 at (707) 526-1240; Marin County No on 6 at (415) 453-6732; E-BACABI in Berkeley at (415) 653-9552; Hayward No on 6 at (415) 582-6471; San Mateo/Santa Clara Committee Against the Briggs Initiative at (408) 294-2310; and Citizens United to Defeat the Briggs Initiative at (408) 426-3739.

Groups Oppose Action by New Jersey State Senator

Bill Filed Defining Homosexual Acts as Crimes

By Jim Marko

TRENTON, NJ — A State Senator here has formally introduced a piece of legislation that would make homosexual acts between consenting adults a crime with penalties of 5 to 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$7500 fine.

The measure (S1276) is expected to be voted upon by the New Jersey Senate sometime before the first week of October. The bill, submitted by Sen. Joseph Maressa (D-Camden) "proscribes certain homosexual acts as unlawful conduct under the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice."

Sen. Maressa, who has said he wants gays "driven underground . . . I want young people to realize that it's wrong," was the main force behind an anti-pronography bill which was pocket vetoed by New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne. Maressa has received support for the anti-gay measure from a group which calls itself the Ocean

County Chapter of the Eagle Forum. The Eagle Forum has stood in opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Measure Itself

The proposed Senate bill states that "A person who engages in deviate sexual conduct or who causes another to engage in deviate sexual conduct is guilty of sodomy and commits a crime of the third degree.

"For the purposes of this section, deviate sexual conduct means sexual intercourse *per os* or *per anum* between persons of the same sex.

"This act shall take effect immediately."

Governor Byrne has announced that although he favors the new criminal code law proposed in the state, he is opposed to any references to sexual acts between consenting adults.

Byrne told Philadelphia's *Gay News*, "I hope the code will be adopted as is, with all prohibitions on sexual acts re-

moved — then we'll deal with Senator Maressa's problem."

Opposition Growing

The New Jersey Gay Coalition and the Gay Activists Alliance of New Jersey are actively working for defeat of the Maressa amendment.

GAA/NJ's Phyllis Noble has pledged that gays "will not be driven back into the closet." She called the Maressa proposal a "scare tactic that just won't work." [see GCN Vol. 6, No. 4]

The Gay Coalition has charged that the Maressa bill is not only a "totalitarian violation of the constitutional right to privacy," but added that the measure defies a recent court ruling.

The New Jersey Supreme Court in *State v. Saunders* held that the Legislature has no jurisdiction over private heterosexual acts between consenting adults.

The court ruled that sex between

consenting adults is a personal choice and added that any criminal law against such acts "mocks the dignity of the offenders as well as the enforcers."

'Driving Gays Underground'

The New Jersey Gay Coalition has stated that Senator Maressa's purpose in introducing the legislation "is to publicly condemn homosexuality and drive gay people underground. His bill is a blatant bid to create an official scapegoat class like the Jews in Nazi Germany or Blacks in a racist community."

The Coalition has urged every concerned New Jersey resident "who champions the right of self-determination to write their State Senator opposing the bill." The group urges that copies of the letters should also be sent to members of the New Jersey Senate Judiciary Committee which will take up hearings on the bill shortly.

Attorneys File Closing Brief in \$5M Suit Against Anita Bryant

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The attorneys for the plaintiffs in the so-called Hillsborough suit, have filed the closing brief in the lawsuit against Anita Bryant and her co-defendants in the case. The suit, filed in federal court in June 1977, charged Bryant and her Florida organization Save Our Children, Inc., along with California State Sen. John Briggs and four others, with a conspiracy to deprive Robert Hillsborough and Jerry Taylor of their civil rights.

The \$5 million dollar suit charged that Bryant and the others conspired to incite the beating death of Hillsborough. The gay man was savagely beaten to death by four men outside his Mission District home on June 22, 1977. Witnesses, including Taylor who was also beaten, claimed the four men shouted "faggot, faggot" and the suit alleged the men also shouted, "Here's one for Anita." [see GCN, Vol. 5, no. 4]

In January of this year, John Cordova was found guilty of second degree

murder in the killing of Hillsborough. Cordova was given a sentence of five years to life. A 16 year old was found guilty of assault and another suspect was granted immunity from prosecution after turning in evidence against his companions. Thomas Spooner, the fourth person accused in the killing, awaits trial.

The suit filed after the Hillsborough killing was dismissed by a federal judge because the Florida defendants, led by Bryant, had "lacked sufficient contact" with California to give the court jurisdiction.

The latest brief filed by the attorneys in the case charged that affidavits filed by Bryant and the other Florida defendants, under penalty of perjury, "failed to disclose and falsely denied" contacts with California. The appeal brief also charged that Bryant "and the corporation made numerous fundraising appeals to San Francisco and California residents."

The brief stated that Anita Bryant "is represented by one of the wealth-



Anita Bryant

iest, largest, and most powerful law firms in California . . . and that Bryant's lawyers unfairly hindered discovery of these facts."

The brief also indicated that the motives for the actions by Bryant were for profit. It pointed out the unfairness of Hillsborough's mother and his friend Jerry Taylor, as plaintiffs, being

represented by an attorney donating his time. According to the brief, discovery of the facts in the lawsuit has been "severely hampered" by lack of funds.

The brutal slaying of Robert Hillsborough caused a mounting tide of public indignation at the time. Police officials and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone decried the action.

Three days before the arrests in the case, about 3000 people attended funeral services for the slain gay man. Speaking to the press at that time, Hillsborough's mother said that her son's death is "going to bring more people closer. It's going to make more people understand homosexuality as I do now. My son's blood is on her [Bryant's] hands."

The \$5 million lawsuit was reportedly the first in which gays invoked the conspiracy law against those who advocate discrimination. Attorney Thomas H. Horn filed the claim on behalf of Helen Hillsborough and Jerry Taylor.

NEWS NOTES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Well, gays are less distinguishable now. And better looking . . . Oh yes. A good looking boy is early exposed to the attentions of gay people and often it's an economic situation at first. He'll experiment, hustle and find that it's a way of life" — Tennessee Williams on the "benefits of gay liberation" as quoted in an interview in London's Gay News, Sept. 7, 1978.

COMMITTEE FOR GAY YOUTH

BOSTON — The Committee for Gay Youth has announced an open meeting for all members of the general community who are interested in either working with the committee or learning about the services that the committee offers. CGY has been serving as an advocacy and social program for gay teenagers for over a year and is planning to expand its services during the coming year. All youth and adults interested in the program should attend the meeting on Monday September 25, at 7:30 at the Arlington St. Church in Boston.

WEDDINGTON REPLACES COSTANZA

WASHINGTON, DC — President Carter has chosen Agriculture Dept. counsel Sarah Weddington, a Texas attorney who won the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision which liberalized abortion, to fill the White House post vacated by Midge Costanza.

Costanza, the first person to bring gay people to a White House meeting, resigned last month after her authority and influence appeared to have been downgraded.

It was not immediately known when Weddington would move into the White House or exactly what her duties would be.

Weddington gained national attention in 1971 when she successfully argued a Texas abortion suit that led to the Supreme Court's striking down that state's prohibition against abortion two years later.

CHANGE SURGERY COVERED

COLUMBUS, OH — An arbitrator has ruled here that sex change surgery is covered under an employee health plan. Recently a grievance was filed when an Ohio steeltube firm denied benefits to a worker treated for a diagnosed case of "gender dysphoria syndrome." The company had argued that the surgery changing the employee's sex from female to male was "medically unnecessary" and that the worker's condition was not an "illness."

The arbitrator cited medical testimony, however, that the operation was a "medical necessity." He added that the term "illness" was not specifically defined in the contract and should include "any condition reasonably falling within the confines of its definitions."

The arbitrator characterized the company's position as "a refusal to recognize the relationship between mind and body."

ORDINATION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

BALTIMORE, MD — The second conference on the ordination of Roman Catholic women will be held here on the weekend of November 10. The conference is being co-sponsored by the National Assembly of Women Religious, the National Coalition of American Nuns, Roman Catholic Feminists and the National Federation of Priests Council.

Organizers expect representatives from more than 35 national and international organizations to attend the conference to "examine the question of ordaining women." The confab will also explore the relationship of ordination to social justice, the women's movement and the "Christian tradition of ministry."

For further information contact Sister Elizabeth Thoman at (213) 559-2944.

ALASKA GAY RADIO

ANCHORAGE, AK — Alaska has its first gay radio program. Each Thursday at 7 p.m. KSKA, FM 103 airs a 15 minute gay news program.

The program, which is aired on the National Public Radio outlet, is called "Gay News Review." It is put together by the Alaska Gay Community Center.

The first airing of "Gay News Review" was on Aug. 24.

BOSTON LEGAL DEFENSE

BOSTON — A meeting to elect permanent directors for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a legal defense fund for gay persons, will be held on September 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Street, Boston. Everyone who attends the meeting will be entitled to vote for the directors, who will serve for a term of one year. "I hope we get a large turnout and that the whole community is represented, both at the meeting and on the Board," said John Ward, the Boston attorney who incorporated Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. "I think we have the opportunity to make a real contribution if we can get an interested and enthusiastic board."

Persons who are interested in further information about Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders should contact John Ward at 426-2020.

WORD IS OUT ON TV

BOSTON — The celebrated documentary "Word Is Out" will be aired by the public broadcasting station in Boston on Wednesday, October 11, at 8 p.m. The PBS station is WGBH-TV, Channel 2. The film, which is still in commercial release, will be seen in New York on the PBS affiliate WNET-TV, Channel 13, on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. Other PBS outlets across the country will be airing the program on October 10; check your local listings.

"Word Is Out" looks at the totality of gay experience by focusing on the lives of 26 gay men and lesbians who speak candidly about their homosexuality. The film received generally favorable reviews in the gay press and was also praised by Newsweek, The New York Times and The San Francisco Chronicle.

DISQUALIFICATION AT BASEBALL SERIES

NEW YORK CITY — The softball team which represented Oil Can Harry's from San Francisco was thrown out of the Second Annual Gay World Series. The team was disqualified under the rule which states that 80% of the 15 person roster and 80% of those playing at any one time must be gay.

According to Jerry Pritikin, the player representative for the predominately straight Oil Can Harry's Oilers, the disqualification proved "that gays can be just as bigoted as the people they claim have been holding them down."

PERSONHOLES IN WOONSOCKET

WOONSOCKET, RI — In an apparent exercise in zeal if nothing else, manholes in this city will now be called personholes. The change came after City Public Works Director Makram H. Megalli decided to write up specifications for a position using the description "utility person" rather than "utility man."

Careful to follow the federal antidiscrimination guidelines, Megalli decided it would also be better to write personholes rather than manholes.

The Woonsocket City Council agreed, and passed a new ordinance changing the job title and specifics by a vote of 7 to 0.

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

NEW YORK CITY — After functioning for five years with volunteer help, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund established the position of Executive Director this past winter. The post has been filled since February by attorney Barbara Levy.

Lambda has recently received grants from the Aetna Foundation, the Playboy Foundation and the Eastman Family Fund, in addition to CETA funding for a full-time staff position.

The increase in funds and the addition of a second staff person, Linda Barr, will enable Lambda to begin expanding its services to the gay community. According to Levy, "The funding will first be used to meet office expense and litigation costs in our major cases. We then hope to initiate several new projects."

For further information about Lambda's work, or if you wish to contribute money or time, contact Barbara Levy, Lambda, 22 East 40th St., New York, NY 10016. Telephone (212) 532-8197.

NO LEADS ON COYOTE FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Police here say they have no new leads on the fire which destroyed the offices of Coyote, a prostitutes organization. Margo St. James of the group said the fire, which burned the office to the ground, destroying files and records, followed a number of threatening phone calls.

Coyote has advocated decriminalization of prostitution and the abolition of compulsory venereal disease testing of arrested women.

The San Francisco Police Arson Department is investigating the fire at the Coyote offices.

FENWAY ASSAULTS

BOSTON — Boston Police have begun plainclothes patrol of the Fens by undercover policemen and policewomen at night, and mounted patrol during the day, as the result of a rash of armed robberies and assaults in the gay male cruising area. Lt. William J. Bratton of District Four told GCN that there have been arrests in three robberies during the past week. "But we know," Bratton said, "that for every one that gets reported, there are three or four that don't." He said that some of the victims have been severely injured, and urged gay men to avoid the Victory Gardens in the interest of safety.

IANELLA ENDORSED

BOSTON — City Councillor Christopher A. Ianella was endorsed in his campaign for Suffolk County District Attorney last week by the Bay State Banner, a weekly newspaper of Boston's black community. The newspaper charged that incumbent D.A. Garrett H. Byrne, and his ex-aide and current opponent, Newman Flanagan, are both insensitive to the needs of minorities.

"Minorities had better come out and vote for Christopher A. Ianella for District Attorney in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 19," the editorial continued. "He will be a tough prosecutor but we can expect a fair shake."

TWO VIEWS AT A PAGEANT

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ — An American ritual continued with the announcement of the Miss America title here. Miss Virginia, Kylene J. Barker, is the new Miss America and she told the traditional winner's press conference that Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is her heroine.

Barker told news people, "I think a Miss America should look like an all-American person, like the girl next door, and not someone superficial that people are afraid to touch." Barker calls herself a conservative and says she "probably" would vote for the Equal Rights Amendment, but fears it might lead to a "sexless society."

Meanwhile, Lisa Volkert, who was Vermont's representative at the pageant, may have shocked Barker and some other fellow contestants.

Volkert said she approves of premarital sex, thinks marriage is not necessary and said that the gay people she knows are "very nice people." "I know I don't sound like the traditional Miss America, but I feel my opinions are my own," she said.

SEATTLE ARCHBISHOP "PRO"

SEATTLE, WA — The Archbishop of Seattle has announced his opposition to the anti-gay Initiative 13 in this city. Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen stated that he supports the efforts of the city to "insure that the basic human rights of all its citizens are respected."

Initiative 13, which will be on the November ballot in Seattle, would remove standing anti-discrimination statutes.

Archbishop Hunthausen stated that he opposes the effort "because I feel it will encourage discrimination. The city's ordinances do not say that the homosexual lifestyle is good, nor do they forbid legitimate authority from acting against those individuals who are an immoral influence on others, young and old."

"However, all men and women have the inherent right, under God, to live and work in a manner befitting their dignity as human beings. I am convinced that it is our duty to support the city's ordinances which protect that right."

SO. VT. GAY MEN

BRATTLEBORO, VT — A newly formed organization of gay men in the tri-state area, the Southern Vermont Gay Men, is just beginning to coordinate activities in the rural New England area. Men interested in attending are encouraged to come to the next meeting in Brattleboro, at the Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St., 7:30, Sept. 26. Bring questions, ideas, and friends.

GAYS AT UNIV. OF VERMONT

BURLINGTON, VT — The College of Medicine at the University of Vermont is aware of the needs of gay students. The new student handbook, which is given to incoming freshmen at the University, contains information about "Gay Services."

The handbook states, "Gay people at UVM and the medical school are not visible to a great degree — nevertheless there are many gay people in a variety of occupations throughout the Burlington community. The Dean's Office has indicated that an individual's sexuality will not be considered in evaluating his or her performance in medical school."

Eleven Groups Meet

International Association Formed in London

COVENTRY, England - Representatives from 11 international gay organizations met here last week to discuss Greek legislation outlawing homosexuality.

The bill, which refers to homosexuals as "obscene people who are a shame even to dogs," was recently reintroduced by the Karamanlis government after it was first proposed by the totalitarian military junta. The law also claims to control venereal disease. Since the Greek government is at present engaged in a large public relations campaign to achieve membership in the

European Economic Community, they are vulnerable to civil rights challenges.

International Gay Association

The representatives formed the International Gay Association as a result of the newly-imposed legislation. The stated purpose of the organization is to combat the oppression that gay men and lesbian women suffer all over the world, and maximize the effectiveness of gay organizations by coordinating political action on an international level. The group will also establish an information center to distribute information on gay matters to promote a wider knowledge of sup-

pression and political pressures.

Robert Mehl, a member of the Bureau President's office of the National Gay Task Force, was assured by the committee of support for gays in California in their struggle against the Briggs Initiative, the anti-gay legislation specifically directed against homosexual teachers. Support for gays in Ireland has been agreed to by the IGA delegates. Efforts will also be made to raise money for an important constitutional trial against the Attorney General of Ireland brought by David Norris of the Campaign for Homosexual Law Reform.

Body Politic, the Canadian gay newspaper prosecuted for publishing a feature story on pedophilia, is requesting moral and financial assistance from the Association in their case against the state government.

The Organization's Set-up

The IGA will have a split base location. The Secretariat, which will handle information and emergency action, will be in Dublin and the office which will handle financial matters will be in Amsterdam.

The newly formed organization is appealing to "all gay and lesbian organizations to affiliate."

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An Effort Is Underway for Another Vote in Dade County

By Jim Marko

MIAMI, FL — Gay activist Bob Kunst has begun an effort to place a new antidiscrimination ordinance on the November 7 general election ballot in Dade County. Last year, voters overwhelmingly rejected an ordinance in the referendum vote which launched Anita Bryant onto the public stage.

There has been much vocal opposition to Kunst's move in the national gay movement. Ruth Shack, the Metro Commission member who drew up the repealed ordinance, angrily attacked Kunst when he brought his proposal before the Commission last month. Shack stated that she was "appalled at what I see here today."

"You don't speak for anyone but your own monstrous ego," Shack told Kunst. "You have already polarized the county. You are only going to open wounds that have just begun to heal."

Kunst expressed his disagreement with Shack and his other detractors and has decried their "closet mental-

ity." "I reject the closet gays who worry about the fact that we 'lost' last June. We didn't lose. We got the issue out of the closet and people are talking about it."

Kunst told GCN that people are "tired of Anita Bryant." Complaining that the efforts in Dade County were the "worst" in the history of the gay movement, Kunst said, "We are the only offensive campaign in the history of the gay movement."

"We are not on the defensive as we were last year. We are getting the signatures and we are telling the people to vote, not Bryant. We are not compromising the issue of lifestyle this time around. We are not asking anybody for acceptance or endorsement of our lifestyle . . . We don't need that," Kunst said.

Over 10,000 signatures were presented to the County Attorney in Kunst's initial submission of a request for a referendum. Six thousand of those names were not accepted by the official because they were either dupli-



Bob Kunst

cates or were not registered to vote. Kunst was then given another 30 days to collect the necessary, valid 10,000 names.

Kunst expressed optimism that the names would be collected in time and that the referendum question would be passed in November. "The reaction we are getting is quite phenomenal," he

said. "We have received tremendous support not only in the gay community but in the Latino community, in condominium complexes . . . no matter where we go."

Kunst also said that 70% of the gay community supported his effort for a gay rights ordinance. "I feel we are going to do it," Kunst told GCN.

Not only will Kunst be trying to get a measure that would prohibit discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual and affectional preferences, creed, political affiliation, state of pregnancy, personal appearance and lifestyle, but he is also seeking three other referenda questions.

One question would establish nude beaches, another would establish free bus service for the disabled, persons on welfare and persons older than 65. The last issue Kunst is hoping to have on the ballot is the establishment of a commission to study victimless crimes, such as prostitution, and homosexuality, to determine if those acts should be decriminalized.

Toronto Sees Thousands Celebrate Gaydays Festival

By John Kyper

TORONTO — Gaydays, a festival "in celebration of lesbians and gay men," was held in Toronto over the last weekend in August. It was organized by Liberated Energy, a collective of men and women, and was intended as a celebration of gayness in the face of harassment and repression.

The gay community in Toronto has been subject to repeated attacks after the sensational murder last summer of a young hustler on the Yonge Street "strip," a heavy prostitution area. Columnist Claire Hoy has written many of the most vituperative of these attacks, in his regular *Toronto Sun* column, "At Queen's Park." In December *The Body Politic* was raided by Metro and Provincial police after Hoy had repeatedly accused the Canadian gay liberation journal of "promoting child abuse" by publish-

ing an article about boy-lovers.

Author David Thorstad addressed this issue in a Wednesday night talk. "While child-abuse by heterosexual parents is epidemic, it is men who love boys, in a society that does not love its children, who are made into the ultimate criminal." He added that "the phony child-molestation arguments are part of a well-orchestrated effort to intimidate, divide, and destroy the gay movement by attributing to it crimes against children that the opponents of gay rights themselves are guilty of."

Thursday, Aug. 24, Gaydays opening night, featured a variety of speakers and entertainment, including Ferron, a popular lesbian singer/songwriter from Vancouver, and Sheila Gostik, a comic. George Hislop, founder of the Community Homophile Association of Toronto in 1970, reminisced about growing up gay during

World War II. He summarized Toronto gay life in the 1950s: "We talked but there wasn't much we could do about our oppression. We all went merrily along, not realizing we were oppressed."

John Rechy sounded a more serious note in his speech. He declared, "We may be entering worldwide the greatest era of repression against human rights since Hitler's Germany." He stated that homosexuals are "now the most openly hated minority in the world." The author of *The Sexual Outlaw* scored "the lingering saboteur, self-hatred. In our posturings of machismo, we male homosexuals take on the uniforms of our oppressors. We have moved out of our closets and into the back room bars whose names reflect our self-hatred." Rechy is a severe critic of Sado-Masochism, and during the weekend he led a discussion of the

role of S&M in the gay male community.

Instead, Rechy prescribed various tactics, including a world-wide day of homosexual protest. "We are despised for our sexuality," he stated in concluding his speech, "and any movement that ignores that fact is self-defeating."

The weekend also featured two dances, a women's music concert, and concluded with a picnic Sunday afternoon at the gay beach on Toronto's City Island Park. Saturday featured a fair at Queens Park, near the provincial Parliament buildings. Over 1000 people attended the fair, which included exhibits and tables by many of Metro Toronto's 40 gay organizations. That evening 1000 attended what was billed as "the biggest gay dance in the history of Toronto," held at the St. Lawrence Market North.

Few Surprises Occur in Primary Elections Around Nation

BOSTON — Incumbents were the victors in most of the primaries held around the nation on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The incumbent governors in four New England states easily won party nominations for re-election in November, as did many of the other chief executives in states holding inter-party elections.

In New York City, two openly gay candidates were defeated in Democratic primaries. Ginny Apuzzo came last in a four-way race, with 15% of the vote, for the Democratic nomination in New York's 57th Assembly District.

Despite the loss, Apuzzo told GCN she was "pleased" by her showing. She

will be on the November ballot in the district having earlier received the endorsement of New York's Liberal Party.

Gay activist Robert Rygor was soundly defeated by long-time incumbent William Passanante in New York's 64th Assembly District, which includes Greenwich Village. Passanante, who has sponsored gay rights legislation in the New York State Assembly for the past eight years, defeated Rygor by a margin of 78% to 22%.

U.S. Representative Frederick Richmond won renomination in a difficult and sordid campaign in New York's 14th Congressional District. Rep.

Richmond turned back an anti-gay campaign waged by Dr. Bernard Gifford.

Richmond pleaded not guilty in May to having solicited sex from two men at his Washington home. As a first offender Richmond was not prosecuted in the case. He admitted that he had sought sexual relations with a man [see GCN Vol. 5, No. 40].

Richmond posters in the campaign were plastered over with day-glo signs which read "child molester," and his now defeated opponent centered his challenge on the arrest. Richmond defeated Gifford by well over 3500 votes.

Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso

easily defeated her Lt. Gov. Robert Killian in a bitter battle within the ranks of the Democratic Party in that state. Grasso defeated Killian by a 2 to 1 margin.

Gov. Hugh Carey of New York turned back the efforts of his Lt. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak. Krupsak angrily broke with Carey and had received the support of the National Women's Political Caucus, the New York Organization for Women and a number of gay political groups.

In New Hampshire, incumbent Gov. Meldrim Thompson defeated his opponent and will now seek his fourth two-year term.

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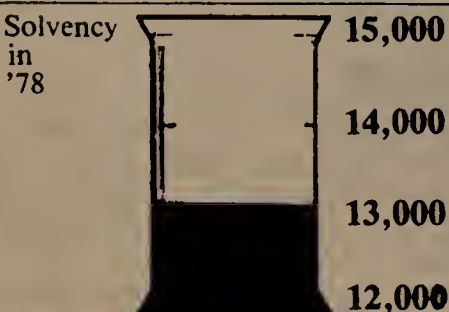
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EDITORIAL

Saving Our Children

GCN is devoting its feature pages this week to an important and often ignored subject: gay youth. We have included articles on youth programs and college gay organizations, as well as several pieces written by gay teenagers about their experiences growing up gay. In presenting a variety of articles on this subject, we hope to make the gay community aware of the particular problems and needs of gay youth.

Until recently, the plight of gay youth was ignored by most gay organizations, and state-funded youth programs tended to dismiss the needs of homosexual teenagers. Over the past year the issues that concern gay teenagers have started to be confronted. Gay youth programs have been developed in San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, D.C., New York City, Toronto, Montreal, and Boston. The issue of youth sexuality, for so long an "untouchable" subject for the press, found its way onto the front page in Boston with the onslaught of D.A. Byrne's alleged sex-ring indictments, and in Toronto with the police raid on the *Body Politic* after the paper's collective printed an article entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men."

Young gay people are no longer waiting until they leave home to come out. Many young people are aware of their gayness when they reach puberty and many of these teens are neither ashamed nor afraid to live their lives as they choose. Often they are rejected by their families; sometimes they are thrown out of their homes; frequently they are ostracized in their high schools. Despite the hostility that is directed at gay teenagers, they are determined to be themselves and proud to be gay.

They deserve our support. Gay youth programs face major problems — funding, staffing, lack of certain organizational expertise. We encourage all people to contribute their support to gay youth in whatever way they can.



COMMUNITY VOICES

GCN welcomes letters to Community Voices. If at all possible, your letters should be typed and double-spaced. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names will be withheld on request. Letters should be addressed to Community Voices, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

the challenge

GCN:

I'm writing this letter because I was so disheartened by Elaine Noble's request that gay people not attend a mass protest rally against Anita Bryant. I'm sure Ms. Noble has her reasons for doing this but I wonder if they are honorable, i.e. that she fears that many of her brothers and sisters may be injured, and is trying to prevent this. I realize that she is a very controversial figure in the gay community, I've heard both sides of the issue, and to be frank, until now I'd not formulated an opinion as to whether she was an asset or a liability to us. However, I must now conclude that she is just another politician who happens to be gay.

I, too, fear being hurt in a protest rally, just as I was afraid during the black rights demonstrations, the anti-war protests, and every other human rights issue that I was and am willing to die for. It is all right to be afraid as long as we don't allow fear to immobilize us or make us behave irrationally.

If, in fact, violence does occur at these rallies it is usually precipitated by the reactionaries, i.e. those there to preserve the status quo, not those there to change it.

When Martin Luther King organized the Freedom Marches do you believe he, as a husband and father, was not burdened by the fear of what would happen to his followers or himself? But I would stake my life on it that fear of political demise was the least of his concerns. Can you say that, Ms. Noble?

Those who decide to march do so not because Mama Noble says to do so or not, but because a value is being put to the test and they have to accept the challenge even if it means death.

We allow ourselves to be led, not because we are prone to blindly follow, but because leaders

adhere to our values and beliefs and also possess the speaking ability and charisma that make people want to listen and think about what they are saying. This enhances the possibility that the values of the followers will be adopted by the society at large, hopefully toward the betterment of society.

Taking this into consideration I have no choice but to label Ms. Noble a politician, not a leader (advocate) for the gay community, because she has not espoused the values/beliefs of the majority of gays. I hope that in the future Ms. Noble (and Anita Bryant) will refrain from advising gays on what or what not to do.

In the future perhaps her public announcements should say, "Elaine Noble will not protest Anita Bryant for X reasons," and let it go at that.

Ms. Toni Lewis
Roxbury, MA

the frosting on the cake

GCN,

Elaine Noble has to be quite presumptuous if she thinks I'm going to vote for her. But it is clear that she expects every gay person in Massachusetts should be in her pocket. One of her aides actually sounded offended when I told her that, no, I could not volunteer my services to her campaign. Perhaps I should have told her why.

Success, I am afraid, has gone to Elaine's head. I am sick and tired of her condescension toward me and toward all the rest of us. She does not represent me. Her attempt to turn protest against Anita Bryant's visit into a campaign rally, to keep us off the streets, is but the frosting of the cake on my feelings of betrayal by her opportunism.

John Kyper
Boston, MA

the night must be freed

Dear GCN People,

Around two in the morning, sitting in the atrium of one of my favorite baths on the edge of an underwater-lighted pool (its bottom filled with cigarette butts, roaches and candy and popper wrappers), looking around at the rose-colored spot lights (similar to the lights in the cubicles that flatter the flesh) spotted on the tropical trees and plants, the "Colonial" style lanterns with alluring golden lights over the entrance to the maze and orgy room, the cool green of the pool table, the large rattan and wicker fan-back chairs hidden among the palm fronds — all of it like a fabulous movie set dropped magically through the wide skylight high above, in its exoticness giving not only the illusion of escape but of reassuring comfort and safety as well, a protected enclave for gay men locked away for a few hours for the price of a locker or cubicle from the dangerous and hostile night outside — thinking that it's not enough — it's not enough to be "allowed" to pay for the dubious privilege of being hidden away in the depths of the Lower East Side in only a larger and more elaborate closet where, no matter the time of the day, it's always night, a prettied-up indoor atmosphere with plants and trees, an artificially lighted, windowless hothouse of socializing and sexualizing, decorated with those cheerful and "natural" touches (the potted foliage on the polished brick floor) to make us forget the real and actual prison its rosy exposed brick walls are, wall that entrap and imprison us as restrictedly as any personal closet, where we become for each other only anonymous and impersonal mouths addicted in darkness.

Thinking of the brave women now gathering together after darkness here and around the world to take back the night (WOMEN RECLAIM THE NIGHT IN BOSTON MARCH, GCN September 9, 1978,) we Gay men must get off our knees in the backrooms and baths and bushes and stand up and march with our sisters and mothers to help reclaim the night for everyone.

The night must be freed for all, free from the male muggers and rapists and murderers, loners and in bands, marauding shock troops of the brutalizing and indifferent patriarchy (its own powers securely locked in its well-guarded closet-towers); freed especially of those males serving their crude but societally approved initiation into future masculine supremacist attitudes and cruelties. They must be driven out of the night to make it again a safe habitat for all who choose to be in it, or as many workers must be in order to earn their living; make it safe for whatever peaceful of pleasurable pursuit, for the simple delight of easy strolling (and cruising, too) or conversing and singing or playing music in street or park in city or country-town; safe for whatever rituals of after-twilight adoration under the night-sky protection of Diana in the moon; free so that the rich, dense, mysterious and wonder-filled night be again filled with a lively and invigorating wakefulness for all nocturnal peoples of the planet, including children and old women and men, including all who wish, and need, to be a part of it. The night must be freed for all and that means we all must march and work and participate fearlessly in the freeing of it.

Love to you all,

Michael Rumaker
New York, N.Y.

EDITOR'S NOTE

State Rep. Barney Frank has taken issue with the editorial stance stated in the newspaper last week [GCN Vol. 6, No. 8]. Rep. Frank has informed GCN that at no time did he make any public statements about the demonstration which took place during the visit by Anita Bryant to Boston.

Rep. Frank also stated he did not oppose any demonstration on the basis of what the Editorial called "... the divisive argument of 'fear' of violence ..." Frank informed the editors that he did not "denounce" the demonstration as may have been implied by the Editorial. The Representative added that he "opposed" the demonstration "because it was a mistake to give [Howard] Phillips any more publicity."

Frank also stated that his opposition to any planned celebration on the Esplanade after the demonstration was based on the fact that the celebration would be at a late hour and a disturbance to residents in the area.

COMMUNITY VOICES cont.

on criticizing our friends

FRIENDS:

Over the past months, there have been some comments about my remarks about the media and about lawyers. It should be said that some of the Boston area media have been more and more responsive to gay concerns and to the concerns of the Boston/Boise Committee or fair trials of gay persons accused of non-violent sex acts. I wish to thank especially WBCN radio, WCAS radio, WGBH radio and TV, and channel 56 and the REAL PAPER for sensitive, thorough and extremely helpful coverage of these issues. WBCN in particular has solicited a full and broad gay response and has provided an alternative medium of information on the "Revere" and "Bonin" and other related cases. Other media which have responded to the Boston/Boise guidelines and have given increasingly fair coverage include WBZ radio and TV (channel 4), WEEI, WILD, WITS (formerly WMEX), WRKO, the Boston PHOENIX and even the Boston HERALD AMERICAN. Much, much more work needs to be done in the media for mistakes and bias, but some progress has been made. With regard to lawyers and legal groups (CLUM, for instance) which are sensitive to gay concerns and to the fair trial rights of all persons, with regard to some of the lawyers now defending gay men accused of various "sex crimes," I think it is extremely important that we continue to critique their behavior where we feel it is needed. They are straight men, they sometimes reveal biases of which they may even be unaware, and they certainly have made some errors in judgment. To say this is in no way to "attack" these lawyers in a basic sense. Barney Frank has indicated he believes we should not criticize those who would help the gay community. I cannot agree. If our friends cannot take a bit of criticism, can they truly be our friends? As a whole, I believe the legal profession and the law itself is incredibly biased and unfair — not only towards gay people, but toward all who lack power. I know very few people who have viewed a court proceeding up close who really disagree. With that in mind, we keep on struggling and that mean criticizing our friends sometimes, and even ourselves.

Sincerely,

Tom Reeves
Boston

int. 13 attacks all

To the Editors:

I'm pleased you are prominently featuring the Seattle struggle to stop anti-gay Initiative 13, because it appears the New Right has chosen this as our next battleground. However, I think your lead article in GCN Aug. 19 failed to explain that once again the right wing is using virulent homophobia to attack *all* working people, especially minorities, as well as women and gays.

This information was contained in a leaflet I received from the Seattle Committee Against Thirteen (S.C.A.T.). After explaining, as you did, that Initiative 13 is an attack on gay rights and women's rights, they went on to say:

"Initiative 13 is an attack on minority rights. Initiative 13 shifts the case load of sex and marital status discrimination complaints to the Department of Human Rights, already overburdened with other discrimination complaints. Women and minorities would feel the ramifications of lengthy investigation periods and long waits before complaints could be heard and decided on.

Initiative 13 is an attack on all people's rights. Initiative 13 would enable any land-owner or employer to evict or fire anyone they consider to be undesirable by accusing them of being gay. Women and men in non-traditional jobs, so-called masculine women and effeminate men, no matter what their sexual orientation, would be especially easy targets under Initiative 13."

S.C.A.T.'s address is 105 14th Ave., Suite B Seattle, Washington 98122.

Many lesbian and gay activists have learned from the legislative defeats of the past year that we can't defeat the New Right as gays alone. The New Right is also trying to deny women the right to abortion and the protection of ERA, to end all affirmative action programs, to abrogate all Indian treaties, and to cripple working people's right to organize with "Right-to-Work" laws. This is the ever-growing basis for all these groups under attack to build a unified defense movement. Because Initiative 13 is more *blatantly* attacking gays and non-gays both than the Gay Rights Referendums have, I think it is especially crucial to use this chance to build both the consciousness and reality of unity.

In solidarity,

Emily Rubin Weiner
New York City

The seattle battle

To G.C.N.

As you are probably aware, Seattle is the next city to face a repeal vote on gay rights. This November 7th, Seattle voters will decide the outcome of Initiative 13. The initiative would repeal Seattle's laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing and employment.

Although it will be a struggle to defeat the initiative, there is much support in the city for doing so. The mayor and the city council are firmly behind the ordinance, as is the Greater Seattle Council of Churches. The two ordinances in question, one relating to housing, one to employment practices, have been on the books for three and five years respectively. With a larger, younger, more liberal and educated populace than in other cities — plus the fact that this is a regular ballot, not a special election — the Seattle vote cannot be predicted by other recent defeats of gay rights ordinances. In short, we have a good chance of stopping the attacks on gay rights here.

The two Seattle-based organizations fighting Initiative 13 can use *your* help, whether that be in the form of campaign donations, proceeds from fundraisers organized in your community, or simply letters of encouragement.

Citizens to Retain Fair Employment is a traditionally-structured, campaign organization of both gay and non-gay people committed to defeating the initiative. *Seattle Committee Against Thirteen* (SCAT) is concerned with educating the public on the connections between gay rights and other human rights issues, and with reaching the voters who would be most affected by Initiative 13: gay men and lesbians, third world minorities, and women.

These two organizations are the foci for a broad array of groups and institutions actively opposing this initiative. To contact them, write 'Citizens to Retain Fair Employment, Box 21772, Seattle, WA 98111 or Seattle Committee Against Thirteen, 105 14th Ave., Suite B, Seattle, WA 98122.

The Seattle vote will have ramifications nationwide. By working together, we can turn it around.

Yours truly,

Tony Kreba
Seattle, WA

a question of existence

Dear Friends:

I was fortunate to be one of those who had the opportunity to see *Sergeant Matlovich vs. the United States Airforce* when it was aired in my area on August 21st. It was great to see a film make it on television during this backlash period, its writing was good, the acting was excellent and its general presentation of gay people very heartening. I had not known of the FCC's recent ruling in favor of the gay community and I applaud both their intelligent decision and NBC's work on getting the film on the air. And of course I applaud Leonard Matlovich's courage in taking his stand against the Air Force regulations in the first place.

I can concur with Matlovich's hope that "many gay men and lesbians can identify with [the film]" (GCN, August 21), if he means that we all can identify with the struggle of any gay person with the aggravations and complications straight society puts on us in addition to life's usual hassles. But, as a lesbian, I found it disturbing that the writers, editors, or someone on this film saw fit to omit mention of lesbians entirely. I suppose every time the term "gay" or "homosexual" was uttered it was meant to include lesbians, but anyone with much contact with straights knows that *they* do not often see it that way. Straights, for the most part, see only as much of us as the media presents to them and since gay men show up far more on media coverage, lesbians remain as invisible as ever. I would be inclined to say that the omission was purely that except for the hearing scene where one of the lawyers, ironically a woman, asks a witness, "What is a homosexual?"

The man's reply was that it is difficult to come up with a concrete definition since gay *men* have so many different lifestyles. I realize that this particular scene was drawn entirely from the hearing transcripts and could not be changed. Or, at least I assume so. But could not an effort have been made somewhere to get the writers, gay or straight, to remember the rest of us? I want to bring this out because it just might provide an answer to some of those gay men who are baffled by the existence of lesbian separatism. If this was an isolated situation, a sample of infrequent omission, that would be one thing. But situations like this where lesbians are forgotten entirely are epidemic. Matlovich is right, the film *will* do a lot of good, but probably not for me and my sisters. After all, we don't even exist.

Sincerely,

Nan Hawthorne
Town Withheld on Request

gays & the church

GCN:

As the Pilgrim Pope was laid to rest in Rome his fellow pilgrimmers, including many who took a somewhat different route than he, mourned a man of spirit.

Paul's reign began with such excitement! For me, at 13, it was too powerful to tame — I kept going when Paul began to slow down. So many did. And how we have wished over the years that it had been John XXIII who had been blessed with the long reign. John was so old but he had more energy than all the energy of the boisterous and happy seminary I entered in 1966. That was the year after Paul shouted at the UN: "No more war! War never again!"

Then, in 1968, the year of war, war, war, war, and more war, many of us were expelled when the counter-revolution hit. And we have been in exile since. For me much of it was a dark night of the soul, until glimmers of understanding began to lift the gloom, and the joy, the force and the beauty of gay love dispelled it altogether.

I've come to see that there are really two churches. The opposites of the church of the community of believers and the church of Ecclesia. The church of love and the church of Law. The church of the catacombs and the church of Constantine (at home in the power, finance and politics of the world). The church of John XXIII and the church of Pius XII.

Paul VI tried to span the gap between the two churches to hold an organization together. And he found that they cannot be bridged, not even papal power can hold it anymore.

This is a moment of promise for gay people. Caught as we are in the middle of the battle, we can further bear witness to the possibility of our love, and join those who recognize that there is no surplus of love in the world. The labels of the Reformation of the 16th century mean little now that the new antagonists are coming to blows, for a gay catholic may find more brotherhood or sisterhood with a Protestant or a Jew than with a fellow Catholic.

With all the speed and violence of the Twentieth Century itself, the church of love and the church of Law are rising. And gay people have much to contribute to the outcome of this new Reformation.

Michael O'Connor
Cambridge, MA

against the village people

Dear Editor:

I like disco. I like masculine men. Unfortunately when a very bright person successfully mixed the two, coming up with the Village People, what should have been a positive gay image in the music business turned into the hottest thing in gay exploitation next to the "Gay Bob" doll. I commend Michael Mascioli for his article "Macho Men and the Stigma of Gay Identification" for laying it all on the line. For it seems that this new musical group, Village People, is only interested in getting the big bucks by selling "gay mystique" to us all, instead of instilling "gay pride" into our community.

Well sorry, this is one record my collection doesn't need. My closet — abandoned nearly 5 years ago — is much too small to install a stereo in (let alone a disco dance floor) and that's the *only* place I would care to listen to "Macho Man." The words of Village People's songs (when listened to) reek with closetness. Examples: "San Francisco/Hollywood," "Fire Island," and "Key West" explain these hotspots fully with references to cruise streets, the Bushes, S/M, etc., but do not say what segment of society makes them famous (homosexuals/gays).

Village People wants everyone to "come out into the sunlight" and "take a stand." Well what better way can you think to come out than to say you're gay and proud. Of course, the song never suggests that.

Why won't Village People come out and admit they're gay? Well at least one member of the singing sextet most probably isn't. Lead singer Victor recently got married (to a woman) and held his wedding reception at the straight gay (or is that gay straight) disco, Hurrah's in the city.

One last point, Village People are just part of a larger problem the gay male community faces: the current "Macho Man Syndrome." That is gays adopting exaggerated masculine dress to prove they are more manly than straight men (or each other) and that they're certainly no limp-wristed drag queen. Well all I can say is drag comes in many different forms and I see little difference between dripping in rhinestones and chiffon or metal studded leather. I mean this as no insult to queens or those heavily into the leather scene, but just wish that the majority of gay men could learn to be themselves — mentally, emotionally and not dress in fads.

I personally can't take it anymore. Recently I've gotten many a raised eyebrow around the Village and nasty looks from my "brothers" at the Spike Bar, since I have begun wearing a new tee-shirt I had made up especially at this time (with help from the Village People). It is black, tight fitting (fairly flattering to my torso) and spells out in tasteful white letters: MACHO QUEEN.

In Gay Unity,

Brian O'Dell
New York City

anne gulo: pro-rights

Dear Sir:

As an invited guest at a Gay Business Association dinner recently, I was given the opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the State Legislature from the 9th Suffolk District which includes the Fenway, Prudential, South End, and St. Botolph neighborhoods of Boston.

Having just heard a list of names of politicians the Mass. Caucus for Gay Legislation planned to endorse, I used the opportunity to say that I believe the criteria for endorsement of a candidate for public office should be broader than currently employed by M.C.G.L.

Gay people are different from others in sexual orientation only. Otherwise, they generally share the interests of their occupational, avocational, or social peers. Gays want their neighborhoods to be attractive and clean; they want to be safe from victimization by criminals; they want attractive and convenient places to shop; they want decent housing; and often they want to be sure that the investment they make in their homes, whether rented or owned, will have the protection of a well-maintained neighborhood. Gays have participated heavily in the rehabilitation of the South End/Fenway areas, and I believe that it is in their interest to elect public officials who will support their efforts.

First, I am 100% for gay rights. Secondly, as a homeowner, a twenty-five year resident of the Fenway, and a neighborhood advocate for the last six years, I have learned much about the complex forces which shape neighborhoods and cause cities to flourish or die. My candidacy represents the willingness and capability to work with government officials in order to direct those forces toward the sensitive and constructive revitalization of our city neighborhoods. During the '50s and '60s, the city's lifeblood — people, money, jobs — were drawn off to create a vast area of wasteful suburban sprawl. Now, we finally see the reverse trend: people are returning to the city. I am glad to see this because it means life for the city. At the same time, I want to protect the stable population that already lives in our neighborhoods. To that end, I support the strategies that create jobs for inner-city residents, that guarantee decent housing for all regardless of income, and that protect the elderly and individuals on fixed incomes. I support the Classification Amendment as a short-term strategy to protect home owners and tenants from excessive increases in real estate taxes. I also support genuine tax reform to decrease the exorbitant tax burden now carried by lower and middle income people.

I have always worked for and will continue to insist that our city neighborhoods receive a level of public services commensurate with the price we all pay in taxes — we need and deserve clean streets, clean parks, efficient snow removal, and enforcement of parking regulations which protect the rights of residents.

I believe that crime must be attacked on many levels. I will work for strategies to create stable neighborhoods populated by committed residents as an environment which discourages prostitution, drug traffic, muggings, and breaking and entering. I will support genuine efforts to remove the causes of crime without forgetting the responsibility to protect law-abiding citizens from victimization by criminals.

These are complex issues, and I do not mean to make irresponsible promises. But I do promise to place my emphasis on the strategies that will breathe life back into Boston, and to make these neighborhoods which I represent, wholesome, safe and attractive places for people to live in. I think this is just as important to the gay residents of the South End/Fenway and other inner city neighborhoods as it is to the non-gay people who have made their commitment to these areas.

Where you have two candidates to choose between and both support gay rights, doesn't it make sense for the gay voter to look beyond that issue?

Doesn't it make sense to evaluate the candidates' records and intentions on urban quality-of-life issues?

Respectfully yours,

Anne Gulo
Boston

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Talking Politics: A Vote for State Rep. Mel King

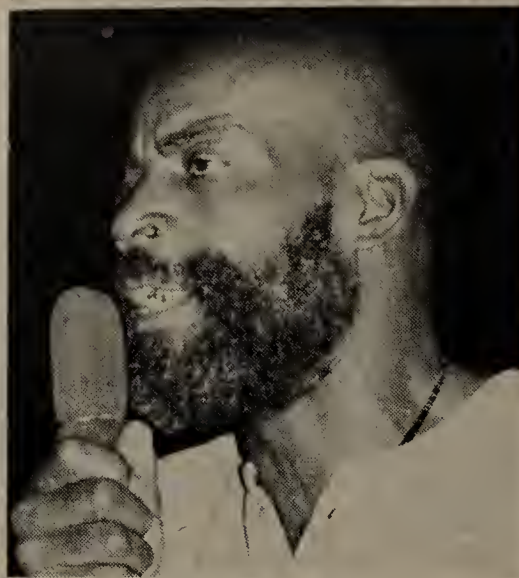
News Commentary By David Brill

BOSTON — People who are abrasive in politics (some say "militant"), or who tackle issues that others have deserted or neglected, take legion risks. A case in point is Rep. Mel King, who was first elected to the House in 1972 in a South End-Mission Hill district which has been radically altered, both by last year's redistricting and changing demographics.

Mel King doesn't smile a lot. He once shoved a Dukakis administration official when the aide made a legislative threat to him; such shoves are taken seriously when done by someone who is 6' 3" and 215 lbs.. Unsurprisingly, the House leadership's redistricting plan added a number of predominantly white precincts to the district, making for a very vulnerable reelection candidacy.

Mayor Kevin White's machine, apprehensive since King has already announced his intentions to run for Mayor next year, fielded its own candidate for the Ninth Suffolk seat, Anne Gulo, a community activist better known in the Fenway section of the newly redistricted area. And Sen. Bill Owens put up his aide, Othello Mahome, an apparent effort by Owens to retain his status as the city's highest-ranking black elected official, at the cost of splitting the black vote and losing King.

Mel King's causes include gay and women's rights. He has not only voted for and sponsored gay rights legislation, but fought — quite loudly — for it on the floor of the House. In an address at the Mass. Caucus for Gay



Michael Thompson

Rep. Mel King

Legislation voter registration rally last month, he urged those present to understand that the rocks thrown at black families living in East Boston "are the rocks thrown at you." He said that the difference between him and his Democratic opponents is that they believe "the time for confrontation is over." But confrontation, King charges, has never been more needed.

Gays must confront the Suffolk County District Attorney when he attacks us for his own political gain — and Mel King has endorsed the aims of the Boston/Boise Committee in their controversial but very necessary work. Gays must confront the Boston Police when they entrap us in the Boston Public Library and assault us on the streets — and Mel King has filed legislation directing the state attorney general to investigate "unlawful activities" by officers in Boston Police

District 4. Gays must confront the homophobes in the Legislature when they vote, 206-17, to remove Robert Bonin as a judge — and King, despite personal reservations about Bonin, was one of those 17.

And despite what any demagogic senatorial candidate may say, we must confront Anita Bryant when she dares to come to Boston — and Mel King addressed the rally on Sept. 1 to let Bryant know that her racism, sexism, and homophobia are unwelcome.

Mel King was also the only member of the Legislature to join 2000 women on Aug. 26 in "taking back the night," a demonstration against violence against women.

These are not exactly popular causes. They don't begin to compare with the liquor or racetrack industry when it comes to gaining campaign contributions or the issue of patronage. But they are issues that must be faced. And Mel King represents them diligently, just as he defends the rights of poor women to abortions, the rights of Walpole prisoners in the hands of racist guards, and the rights of urban residents to housing that won't be burned by landlords or bulldozed by redevelopers.

This will be a difficult election, since the black vote may be split and a white candidate is running where King never has. In addition, the South End has changed considerably since King's first election six years ago. Middle and upper-class types have moved in by the thousands, refurbishing century-old townhouses and putting once-blighted buildings on the city's tax rolls.

It is still the most polyglot district in the state. It is perhaps more than a third black and Hispanic, with an incredible diversity that includes the very rich residents of the Prudential apartments, the very poor residents of the upper South End and Symphony Road areas, students in the Fenway area, and the elderly on St. Botolph Street. There are also streets and blocks — such as Union Park or Pembroke Street — that are almost entirely gay. (It is a sign of Mayor White's gratitude that when we help restore an entire neighborhood, he tries to unseat one of our most vocal supporters.)

It would surely be unfortunate if the many gay residents of the Ninth Suffolk District considered voting for anyone but Mel King on Sept. 19. While neither of his two opponents, due to the composition of the district, is anti-gay, Mel has been working for us for six years. It's time to return the favor.

Gay Group

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Memberships and affiliations are being handled by the Office of the Treasury for the group in Amsterdam. The meeting in Coventry agreed that 100 Dutch guilders would be the minimum annual subscription. Larger and wealthier groups are being asked to contribute more. Subscriptions may be sent to IGA, c/o COC, Fredericksplein 14, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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Mass. DA Candidate Pledges to De-Emphasize Victimless Crime

By Neil Miller

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Scott Harshbarger, candidate for Middlesex County District Attorney in the September 19th Democratic primary, has promised, if elected, to de-emphasize prosecutorial focus on victimless crime and to meet regularly with gay community representatives. Harshbarger, who is challenging ailing incumbent John J. Droney for the post, has been endorsed by the Cambridge Gay Political Caucus. Middlesex County, which contains one-quarter of the state's voters, extends from Lowell in the north to suburban Natick, Newton, and Watertown, and includes Cambridge, Somerville and Medford.

Noting that the district attorney has "the absolute authority to see who will

be prosecuted and who will not be," the candidate promises to take a close look at harassment of gay men in the Cambridge "bird sanctuary" cruising area and the Chelmsford area rest stops. During the period of Droney's incumbency, hundreds of gay men have been arrested in these areas. "If there are areas that involve harassment, that involve lack of equal enforcement of the law, as those cases [the "bird sanctuary" arrests] appear to indicate may be the case, that should be an area where you particularly have some concern," Harshbarger told GCN. "That's the kind of area where I would expect to exercise my independent prosecutorial discretion in some cases if I thought the police were

acting inappropriately or abusing any particular group or seemed to be engaging in harassment."

Harshbarger adds, "It is my responsibility to see that cases that are not of essentially criminal nature don't come into the system."

Asserting that "it is critical for the DA continually to receive input from every part of the community," Harshbarger plans to "meet regularly with representatives from the gay community . . . People are going to have access to me and to that office to complain, to criticize, to comment, to review what I do. There will be guidelines and standards as to how I will exercise my authority."

Harshbarger, who served as chief of

the Public Protection Bureau under Attorney General Frank Bellotti, would also support a legislative proposal to repeal the state's laws regulating private, consenting sexual conduct. "I think that is an appropriate role for a district attorney to play," he says.

Cambridge Political Caucus coordinator Bill Weintraub told GCN, "This race and the race for Suffolk County District Attorney are going to have a more direct and immediate impact on the lives of gay people than any other primary elections. I believe that Harshbarger's election is extremely important." Weintraub notes that, since the district attorney's race is at the bottom of the ballot, voters often tend to ignore it.

Socialist Workers Party Conference Holds Workshops on Movement

By Ken Withers

OBERLIN, OH — 1500 members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) met for their ninth annual educational conference at Oberlin College in Ohio Aug. 4-11.

In addition to the usual series of classes on history, economics, feminism, the dangers of nuclear power, politics in the unions, etc., this year there were special workshops and classes on the gay movement, past, present and future.

SWP members, concentrated in major labor unions, are planning a campaign to fight Proposition 6, the anti-gay teacher Briggs amendment in California. The ballot issue, if passed, would require school boards to fire anyone who advocated gay rights.

Working with existing coalitions campaigning against the initiative,

SWP members will be introducing motions in their union locals, contacting community groups and helping to build public rallies and demonstrations.

Jeff Mackler, a teachers union activist for 13 years, introduced such a motion in the Haywood Unified Teachers Association in the Bay area. It was his first act as a new member of the local board, and he said he didn't have any choice in the matter.

"We could not build a strong union based on a refusal to defend all of our members," he said. The local not only went on record as opposed to Proposition 6, but also voted to publicly petition against it, contact other school unions, community groups to pressure the school board into also campaigning against it. The Haywood local took their proposal to the Dallas

convention of the National Education Association, representing 1½ million teachers nationwide, where a statement against Proposition 6 was issued.

Mackler was doubtful about major unions fighting for gay rights without prodding. "It's up to the militants to do that," he said, "to press their unions across the country to get involved."

"Some people might feel a little funny about raising gay issues in their union," said Steve Wright, local chair of an electrician's union in Chicago. But after he was seen carrying a banner in a gay pride march ("My God, it's the local president!") he was able to start discussions about gay rights in his shop.

In addition to working against the Briggs initiative, SWP members around the country are starting work on local gay issues.

Eva Chertov, the SWP candidate for mayor in Atlanta is a lesbian. She is-

sued a campaign statement against Anita Bryant's recent appearance at the southern Baptist Convention there. Her campaign supporters helped stage a demonstration outside the convention and two SWP members, Ed Fruit of the teachers union and Bill O'Kain of the government workers, spoke to the rally.

In New York City, the SWP is working in the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights side-by-side with Democratic Party groups, the Gay Activists Alliance, Lesbian Feminist Liberation, churches and business groups, to pass Intro 384, the city's proposed gay rights ordinance.

Classes on the gay movement criticized the Soviet Union and China for their stands against gay liberation and their persecution of gay people. SWP members attempted to trace these attitudes back to the Stalin era in the Soviet Union.

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DID YOU SEE?

The following was a column by Richard Cohen in the Washington Post on June 8, 1978. The column was entitled "The Puzzle of People Who Hate Homosexuals."

On Lee Highway in Virginia, there is a restaurant called Rita's Place. Inside, there is a framed American flag on the wall and a nautical motif of sorts that seems to have run out of inspiration — just ships' lights and little ships' wheels. It is basically a carryout place, pizzas and subs and all, and next door is a parking lot where people sit in their cars and drink beer. It is not much of a place. It just happens to be the place where they came after the killing of Ronald Pettine.

There were three of them and at least two of them came here the next day. They met with their friends over by the telephone on the wall and they told them what happened the night before at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Some of them testified in court the other day, raising their hands and telling under oath how they had learned of the killing — how their friend, who is the one now on trial, went down to the monument and beat up a homosexual. This is what one of them said:

"He told me he and Chuck beat up a faggot. He said he beat him up pretty good. He said they might have killed him. They kicked him and all . . . They put a sock around his (sexual organ) and dragged him around by that. They . . ."

There's more. There's more but you don't want to hear it. There's the part about how they stripped the clothes off Pettine and how he yelled for help, yelled that he was being killed and how when the cops came, finally they fled through the cemetery where the honored dead are buried — Arlington. The next day they came to Rita's Place and talked it over. Michael Simoneau, 17, who is now on trial, told them what he

had done. He said he had beat up a faggot.

Now the friends of Simoneau are witnesses at his trial. There is a sameness to them — to what they say and how they look. They are all young, under 20 or so, and they show up dressed in T-shirts and dungarees. Their hair is long and their arms heavily tattooed with pictures of eagles and hawks and animals like panthers. They tell what they heard that day at Rita's Place and slowly it becomes apparent that about the only ones who did not know what happened that night at the Iwo Jima monument were the police. It took a year and a half to make an arrest and yet everyone knew what happened.

It had always been something of a sport in America to beat up homosexuals. You can always hear men talking about it, other men laughing at it, the stories often horrible and sickening. There are men who prey on homosexuals but there are other men, good men, who do not. All they do is sit by and laugh when the stories come up and they give encouragement to those who go out in the night with clubs. You can look at the tattoos on the arms of the witnesses at the Simoneau trial and say that these people are trying to prove something. You would be wrong about that. They are just folks, and there are some people it is hard to blame: You give them Anita Bryant and they give you the body of Ron Pettine.

Anyway, the testimony continues. The men on the witness stand talk in a nonchalant fashion. They relate what they were told and how they learned what happened and who they told. Some of them told their brothers and one told a girl friend and some told others.

Later, after the end of the court session, one of the witnesses is standing in the lobby of the courthouse. He directs me to Rita's Place. I go there and park in the parking lot and go inside. I order a pizza and look around. There are two men and a woman at a table at the rear and three men at the table next to me and over to my left is an old man who pours his beer with a trembling hand. The three men get up and leave and the place is virtually empty.

What you want to do is get up and go to everyone of the people and ask them if they knew and why they kept quiet. But you don't make a move. The pizza comes and then the beer and pretty soon you think that you have been through this before. It was Mississippi and the puzzle then was how good people, kind people with ready smiles, could kill civil rights workers or know who did the killing and not do anything. It was a puzzle, but you knew it has something to do with the rhetoric of the times and the period in history and of course, how it was a special place — far away and strange.

The following appeared in the Dear Abby column in a number of newspapers on Monday, Aug. 28, 1978.

DEAR ABBY: Since statistics show that 98.3 percent of all children molesters are heterosexual, I'm organizing a crusade to prohibit heterosexual teachers from instructing children of the opposite sex.

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If lubricants are involved in the sex act, use water-soluble preparations that will wash away. Do not use an oil base that can leave a film to trap germs.

Note: The foreskin that covers the head of the penis may trap germs which can cause infections. Therefore, special attention should be given to washing the uncircumcized penis.

With the development of vaccines against gonorrhea and syphilis, personal hygiene remains necessary to prevent other sexually transmitted diseases. For example: a gonorrhea vaccine will not prevent approximately half of the reported cases of male urethritis which are not gonorrhea.

Page 3: Some Aspects of Personal Hygiene for Male and Female

Some infectious germs which are commonly found in the lower digestive tract may be transmitted from the rectum during certain sex activities. Also present may be parasites which cause gastro-intestinal disorders if swallowed (anal-oral route).

The mucous membranes of the genitourinary system are highly susceptible to infection by some of these germs from the rectum. For example: As a result of careless cleansing from rectum toward vagina by the female after toilet, germs are easily spread to the vagina where they may cause infections, and from which they may be transmitted during vaginal, as well as rectal, intercourse. Therefore, females must not cleanse in the direction of rectum to vagina.

Today it is considered that excessive douching may disturb the chemical balance of the vagina. Frequency and content should be discussed with a physician.

Personal hygiene before and after sex can be greatly aided by the bidet, a low bathroom fixture, designed to facilitate washing for disease prevention and proper cleansing after toilet. The American public, unfortunately, has never been adequately informed as to the advantages of the bidet, and it is not found in homes or hotels in the United States, whereas in many parts of the world it is widely used and significant to personal hygiene. Good hygiene requires careful washing of genital and rectal areas before and after sex.

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Gore Vidal Saw Bryant's Boston Visit As 'Highly Suitable'

The following is a statement of support read by Gore Vidal from his home in Italy to the September One Coalition on the eve of Anita Bryant's visit to Boston.

"Last April, while passing through Boston, I stopped off one night at the Arlington Street Church, where I was told I was expected to chat to some 1500 people about "Sex and Politics in Massachusetts."

Having practiced neither in the great Commonwealth, my remarks were, I am told, a bit on the boring side. But I did note in passing that last year's arrests of a number of men for allegedly having had sex with consenting adolescent males at Revere Beach struck me as typical of the way Massachusetts, and other states, have of mixing up sex with politics, particularly at election time.

The audience at the church and I discussed the political background of those arrests and how difficult it would be for those men to have a fair trial, particularly when the media refused to report the facts of the cases. The people of Boston were told there was a child-porno ring that had been broken up. But there was no pornography involved. There were no children involved. Puberty, believe it or not, is the dividing line between childhood and adolescence. Between adolescence and adult, there is yet another line, one that many people never cross. More to the point, all the males involved were not only consenting but receptive. How many were truly adult is another problem.

Now we are presented with trials in which a man can be sent to prison for life as a result of a sexual act with a consenting partner; it is a matter of some concern to every person who cares for justice.

At the church, I expressed the fear that in Massachusetts, politically the most corrupt American state, I doubted that the men could obtain a fair trial. Certainly the media had done their best to prejudge the case. After all, how is the average citizen to know whether or not a newspaper is lying to him? Specifically, the *Boston Globe* lied. They tried to give the impression that a small number of child molesters had gotten together to exchange telephone numbers and pornography. They made much of the fact that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and his wife were both in the audience. They made much of the fact that I, very briefly, met the Bonins in the vestry of the church, and that Judge Bonin had told me rather sternly that not all judges were troglodytes and that the system was not as unjust as I had thought.

And I said, "I wondered."

The rest is history, Massachusetts-style.

I am now told that Boston is being visited by the lovely Miss Anita Bryant. I think that such a visit is highly suitable for Miss Bryant because it was here in Boston that Julia Ward Howe wrote *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* as special material for Anita Bryant's Las Vegas act.

But careers grow stale, even in the land of the re-run. Miss Bryant has sung in the White House for every president since Johnson — Andrew Johnson! Now, in her sunset years, she has found, if not Jesus, Leviticus. And her career has been revived. Fags are human garbage, she has told the world in her new role as sanitation engineer.

She has now come amongst you, not so much to enforce the rules laid down in Leviticus; she cannot do that as she herself has notoriously broken one of

Leviticus's sternest prohibitions — she has worn sweaters made of wool mixed with nylon. No, she is not abroad in the land to make the people of the secular Republic God-fearing and Leviticus-abiding. She appears to devote her career to help the powers of political darkness and corruption. Let us hope that she fails.

Meanwhile, I would suggest that the powers of light group themselves

around Judge and Mrs. Bonin and other civil libertarians.

Why not Bonin for Governor? You've done worse. You're doing worse.

I'd also suggest a selective boycott of those who advertise in the pages of the *Boston Globe* would have a wholesome effect on that newspaper, even though the *Boston Globe* would refer to the boycott as a "child-cott."

Security Clearance Is Granted

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — A gay Defense Department worker has been granted secret level security clearance by a hearing examiner. John Napier Eaves, Jr., project manager for an engineering consulting firm, recently received notification that his application for clearance was granted, "despite his homosexuality."

Hearing Examiner David Henretta of the Industrial Security Clearance Review Office, an arm of the Defense Department, found that Eaves' homosexual activities may constitute "sexual perversion" according to the Department. However, Henretta ruled that it is "clearly consistent" with the national interest to grant the applicant's security clearance.

Eaves' attorney, Jerel McCrary, a volunteer for the public interest law firm of Gay Rights Advocates of San Francisco, said the decision demonstrates a change in the attitude by the Defense Department.

"I do not believe," McCrary said, "the Department of Defense can adhere to its previous policy of denying security clearances to applicants simply on the basis of sexual preference. The Department may still harass individual gay applicants by requiring them to prove their fitness at clearance hear-

ings, as was done with Eaves, but recent court decisions have forced the government to admit that homosexuality in itself does not prove or indicate unreliability."

According to McCrary, a major reason for Eaves' approved application was his openness about his lifestyle. Eaves had discussed his homosexuality with his employer, family and friends. Attorney McCrary stated that this openness made completely illogical the government's major contention that Eaves might reveal classified information to prevent disclosure or avoid blackmail.

The government may appeal the hearing examiner's decision to an appeal board of Industrial Security Clearance Review.

The Eaves decision comes shortly after the announcement of a Defense Department policy which stated that men and women discharged from the Armed Forces for their homosexuality can no longer be automatically denied an Honorable Discharge [see GCN, Vol. 6, No. 7].

Despite the recent decisions, the Department of Defense still requires discharge of gays, and still states that homosexuality is a "sexual perversion."

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Gay Youth Programs: An Important Alternative

By Cindy Stein

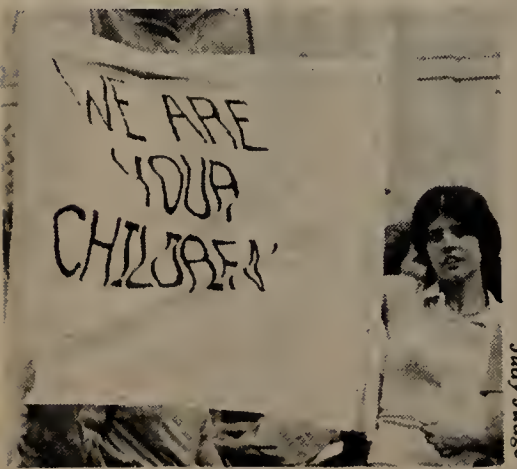
The project for the evening is to create a giant wall calendar, a gay calendar. In minutes, four large sheets of paper are sprawled out on the floor. Each sheet will contain three months for the year beginning September 1, 1978. Drawing and painting materials are distributed and about 25 teenagers are hard at work creating designs to fit the seasons and holidays. Throughout the evening, other teens join them. New members are enthusiastically greeted and are brought into the project. Everyone's contribution seems important. The group is diverse; it includes men and women, blacks, whites and Hispanics.

Does this sound like a scene out of your summer camp experience? Or maybe a scene out of your summer camp *fantasy*? The fact is, the Committee for Gay Youth, a Boston group which was formed during Gay Pride Week 1977, has made this fantasy a reality for gay teenagers.

Out Here, the summer program sponsored by the Committee for Gay Youth, was begun during a year in which the issues surrounding younger peoples' rights were brought to a head for both the gay community and for many other citizens in Massachusetts. Those concerned with domestic violence were finally able to enlighten the public about the prevalence of child abuse in society. This concern forced people to see children and teens as individuals with rights of their own and not simply as property of their parents. In addition, the much swept under the rug topic of adult-youth involvement was finally explored by the gay community when some of its members were faced with charges of statutory rape of teenage boys in the so-called Revere "Sex Ring."

Out of this atmosphere grew the need for gays to take care of their own "children" and to educate the public concerning gay youths and their need for positive role models and experiences during some of the most confusing and frustrating times of their lives.

The plight of the gay teenager has only recently been recognized. Youth groups, which are springing up in major cities in the U.S. and Canada, fill the social and emotional voids in the lives of young people, many of whom have been alienated by the bars or by life on the streets. Others who are isolated within suburban or rural areas come to gay youth groups for support and for relief from a life in which they are constantly watched and judged by parents and peers.



Judy Judge

The Committee for Gay Youth meets the needs of young Boston gays on many levels. Socially, the Committee provides a place for teenagers to go and to meet others, while it diminishes the risks of exploitation which can accompany a social life consisting solely of bars and street cruising. In addition to social activities (which include dances, parties, projects like the mural described above, and outings), the Boston program conducts weekly rap groups or consciousness raising groups on many topics. This summer's groups were co-ed and the intent for the fall program is to add all-male and all-female groups, so that the special needs of young men and young women can be dealt with separately before the group meets together.

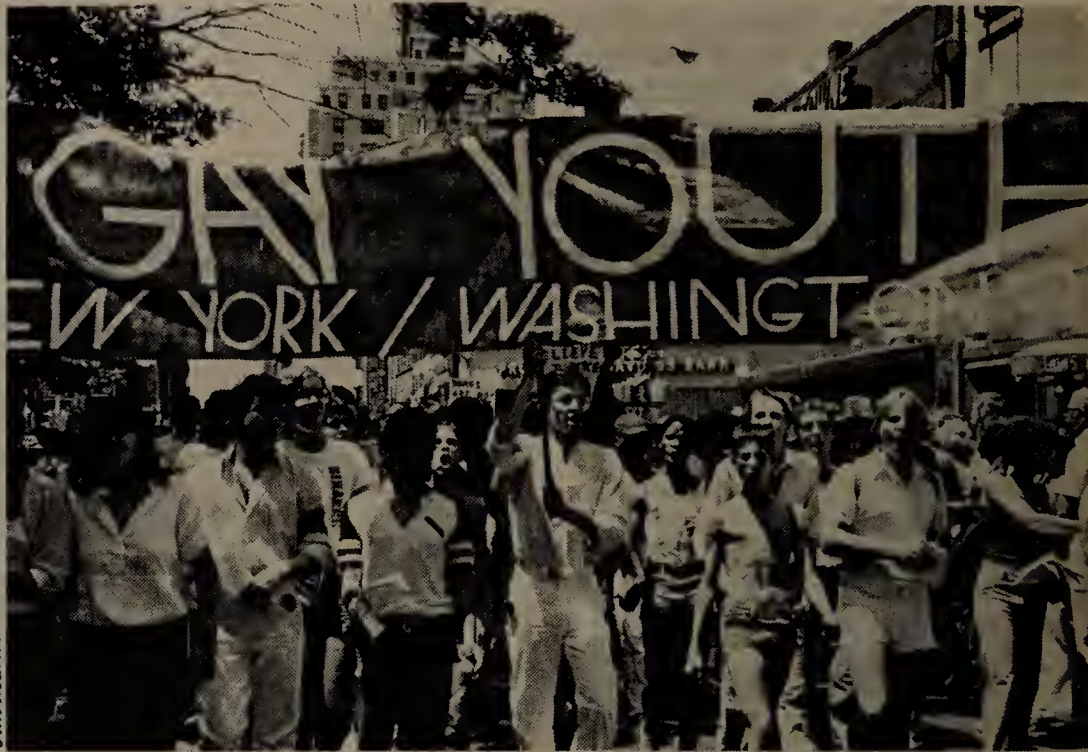
The Committee members themselves come from the gay community. Some have dealt with children and young adults on a professional level, while others simply have a deep concern for the welfare of gay teenagers, which may stem from the recognition of the injustices young people experience in society or from their recollection of what it was like for them to have been a gay teen.

CGY works on the premise that young adults are not only mature enough to think about and act upon thoughts of sexual identity, but also they are able to define their needs and help to design a program which will best suit them. The program was designed to be coordinated by both teens and adults, and as the summer progressed, it seemed to be moving more in that direction.

There is no formal policy that CGY has instituted concerning the relationships between adults and young people. To do so would obviously contradict the political premise that those between the ages of 16-21 are capable of deciding their own sexuality and acting upon it freely. The Committee has drawn up a statement on sexuality which simply states that one's choice to become involved in a sexual relationship should be both informed and consensual.

So far all has run smoothly at CGY. There have been no major run-ins with police, the courts, parents, schools or churches. The group is preparing to deal with these potential problems by building a network of supporters with experience in law, mental health and education. An advisory board will be set up and will be composed of members of the larger gay community who will inform the outside world about the importance of a program for gay youth. In addition, CGY will be making contact with Boston area high schools to obtain speaking engagements and to distribute information packets to those who most need to be awakened to the plight of gay youth — teachers and school administrators.

The energy of those who began and who are presently involved with CGY is immense. The only discouraging point expressed by the members was their perception of the disinterest on the part of the adult gay community toward not only the program but toward the gay teenager in general. A dichotomy of disinterest seems to exist for men and for women; while many men enjoy the company of teenage boys, they may be unaware, insensitive or impatient with the fact that pre-adult years are particularly difficult ones. Women, on the other hand, seem to show little interest in forming relationships, friendship or otherwise, with younger women. A subtle "hands-off" attitude exists on the part of many older gays where their younger sisters and brothers are concerned. This lack of attention makes it difficult to maintain a successful program for gay

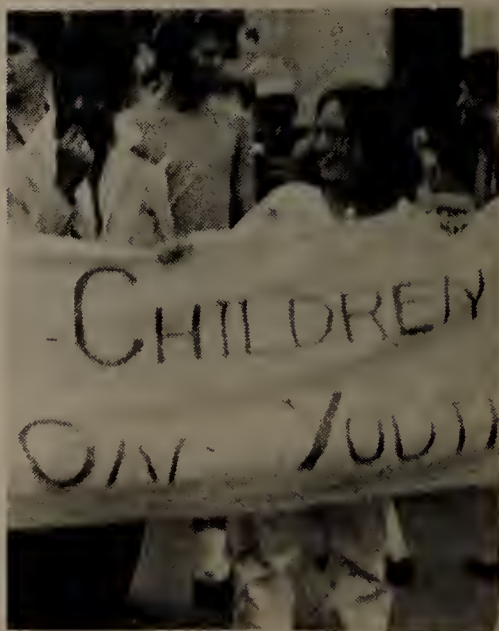


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youth. The fundraising problems which exist for most alternative groups are more acute for a Gay Youth Program, which is ignored by many who feel the entire issue is "too hot to handle" and falls too closely to the "recruitment" stereotype promulgated by the right wing.

Fortunately, in Boston and in many other cities such as New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Montreal, these problems have not prevented the formation of gay youth programs. In some cases, other gay groups or community centers have donated funds, materials and space to youth programs. In Boston, the Gay Business Association was instrumental in helping to get Out Here off the ground this past summer. Another supportive sector of the community has been the gay religious groups including Dignity and Integrity. However, CGY is still operating on a shoestring budget and needs financial donations desperately.

A reliable gauge of any program is the satisfaction of those for whom it has been instituted. There have been as many as 70 teenagers involved in the Out Here program in Boston. Peter, a young person who is part of the group, expressed his enthusiasm that he finally has a place to go which is "more social" and "less exploitative" than the bars. While many young gay people still enjoy a visit to the bar, they have found CGY to be a needed supplement



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to their social life. Sandy, a lesbian who has recently come out, described her experience at Out Here to be "real positive." She saw the diversity of the group (which reflects the larger society — race, culture, class and sex — better than many other older and

established gay groups) as a particularly attractive feature of the program. In addition, she saw CGY as a very talented and intelligent group.

Many of the young women in CGY were happy and enthusiastic about becoming involved in a mixed male-female group. However, they were conscious of the need for some amount of separation from men to discuss the unique problems of being young lesbians. The ties between feminism and lesbianism need to be explored as well as the need to spread feminist consciousness to the men in the program. In addition, one other important problem for young lesbians has to be discussed — visibility.

While the Out Here program included young women and men, it was definitely mostly male. Many people have different ideas as to why fewer young women seem to be interested in a gay youth program (this phenomenon is present in many other cities, including San Francisco and is also quite prevalent in college campus gay groups). One theory is that women tend to come out as lesbians at a later age than men do. The reason many people give for this is that affection between women is condoned by society to a greater extent than is affection between men, so that if two boys have certain feelings for each other, they are forced to deal with them sooner (because of fear of disapproval) than two girls. However much validity one ascribes to this theory, it cannot fully explain the great difference in numbers between teenage men and women present in gay youth groups. Other explanations include the fact that it is more difficult for a teenage girl to go out alone at night (especially if she lives with her parents); many young women find the outlet they need as lesbians through feminist organizations or lesbian-feminist groups; or simply that teenage girls were less likely to see the advertisements for a gay youth group.

Whatever the root of the problem, it is definitely on the CGY fall agenda for discussion and action. And judging only from the short history of CGY, it is the group in the gay community most likely to come up with solutions — to problems of the visibility and the alienation of gay youth.

A new Cris Williamson song states that the "frontier is forever shifting." The issue of gay youth — the children we must save — is a new frontier which is being courageously pioneered by youth programs that desperately need our support to ensure a strong and secure future for the gay community.

The Campus Gay Organization: A Set of Guidelines

By Marjorie Morgan

The gay organization at a college or university is often the only gay organization within an area of several counties. It functions as a vital link in the nationwide and worldwide network of gay resources, not only for the students on the campus of which it is a part, but also, in a sense, for faculty and staff and for other gays in the locality of the school.

Young women and men of college age are often away from their parents' homes for the first time. Although the gays among them, open or closeted or undiscovered, may previously have experienced emotional attachments to members of their own sex (and even to members of the opposite sex), these attachments achieve a new intensity and significance during the years at a college or university. Not only does the student not have the warm cocoon of the parental home to fall back on should a peer relationship fail, but also, the peer relationships during these years are geared toward longer term relationships than are those relationships formed before college days.

Because the college years are often a time for "coming out" of the closet — an often frightening and emotionally upsetting experience that may take several years (and may devastate those who are not emotionally strong), the first major task of any campus gay organization is to make some provision for counselling. At specific hours every week, gay peer counselors, consisting of mature and experienced gay people affiliated with the institution, should be available. This should be announced regularly in the campus newspaper, and leaflets should be posted on bulletin boards advertising the service. In addition, the area should be combed (with the aid of any gay groups in the area) for professional therapists who are positive about gayness, if not gay themselves.

It is important to locate female therapists for those women who do not wish a male therapist. Any therapists on the referral list of the campus group should be monitored and educated on gay issues in a consciousness-raising manner. This can be done through group or individual meetings. If the college or university is a large one, the institution should employ gay men and women who are psychologists, social workers, and/or psychiatrists.

The college or university should provide an office for the gay organization that is large enough to hold medium-sized meetings with speakers (the institution should offer an auditorium for larger events). The gay offices should subscribe to gay newspapers and announcements from all over the country (for example, mailings should be received from the National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011 — mailings are free to gay organizations). Some periodicals which would be appropriate for the gay offices are:

Off Our Backs (a women's news journal)
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Additional space should be provided by larger institutions for counselling rooms. A telephone or telephones are a necessity, and the larger the institution, the more of these should be provided. On the largest campuses, gay peer counselling by telephone operating at

set hours is a good thing for the community of gay students as well as the community outside. Walk-in counselling at set hours is also important, but some people will not dare to appear in person, and can be helped by telephone. Finally, regarding space, the institution should provide space for gay male and lesbian dances.

Lesbians and gay men sometimes meet separately on college campuses (and times and places should always be



noted in the campus publication, as well as on flyers), but it is important that the two sexes sometimes meet together; in unity there is strength. Although ten per-cent of the student and faculty body may be gay, according to some scholarly estimates, far fewer will come to organized meetings, and the strength of unity is needed. Certain demands should be made on college and university administrations — demands that require the strength of unity. These demands include office and meeting space, as noted above, as well as space for dances, lectures, films, and money-making events.

Additional demands should include a demand for written statements by the administration that it will not discriminate on the basis of sexual or affectional preference in either the hiring or tenure of faculty and staff, in firing, or in acceptance, grading, record-keeping or dismissal of students; that in addition, no honors, awards or the like will be judged on such bases; and that no disciplinary action or dormitory discrimination will occur on account of being gay. Finally, the organization should demand that no official record be kept of a student, staff member, or faculty person's sexual or affectional preference, and that such preference shall not be included in any resume sent to another institution or place of work.

Faculty are often too frightened and/or closeted to stick their necks out and make the demands cited above. The student body, in most institutions, is in a much less dangerous position to make the demands. It is ideal to have faculty and staff of the college or university involved in the gay organization, but unless there is an official written statement of non-discrimination on the part of the administration, gay faculty will fear for their positions. Every attempt should be made by gay stu-

dents to seek out and make contact with gay faculty, using them as unofficial advisors and keeping them posted on progress with the administration in achieving a written policy of non-discrimination. Personal, individual contacts with gay students will be less threatening for faculty members than official gay meetings.

Campus gays should recruit — not in the Anita Bryant sense — from among their own numbers the gays who are too frightened to come to meetings. This can be done by personal encouragement or by posters that sound inviting and reassuring, as well as by flyers and other publicity. Films and lectures for gays may attract young gays who may be too frightened to attend gay meetings or dances, and an inviting, reassuring talk about the gay organization may help them make the next step.

Liaison should be made with local off-campus gays, and gay speakers should be brought to campus for everyone to hear — non-gays as well as gays. The college administration should provide a budget for gays that will allow two or three distinguished speakers per year, with plane fares, if necessary. The sizable minority who are gay should not permit the entire university budget to go to heterosexual speakers. Also, gay speakers from on or off campus should speak on the subject of gayness or gay issues at open meetings with the student government, the faculty council, and at any meetings on campus.

The nearest large city will often have lesbian and gay switchboards or hotlines listed under the key words in the telephone directory. There might also be a women's switchboard. These services are fruitful sources of information.

The campus library should have a healthy collection of lesbian, gay and feminist materials. Information about affirmative gay materials can be obtained from

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A *Gay Bibliography* can be ordered from Ms. Gittings for 25 cents. She has lectured at more than 40 campuses, and is an excellent resource person.

An item included in the *Gay Bibliography* above is the *Gayellow Pages*, which gives nationwide information about gay activities, organizations, businesses and facilities. The national

edition currently sells for \$5.00 (third class mail) or \$6.00 (first class mail) or \$7.00 (outside North America) from: Renaissance House, Box 292, Village Station, New York, NY 10014.

A worldwide guide for lesbians is *GAIA'S Guide* (115 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94105). This book and the *Gayellow Pages*, plus other gay directories, are resource tools which should be kept in the office of the gay campus organization.

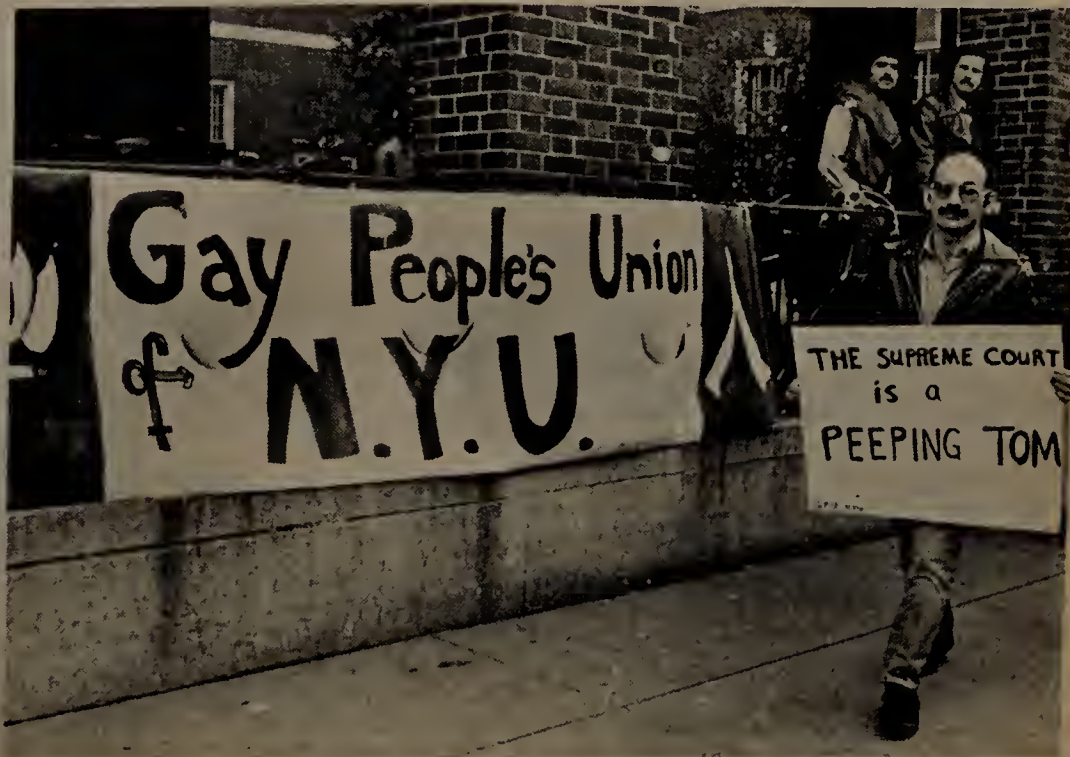
It is important for the gay organization to campaign for positive gay materials in the college or university library, because these materials may help frightened, closeted young gays who are too afraid to come to openly gay activities — or who do not yet realize they are gay (alas, many people do not realize their gayness until middle age, when saddled with family responsibilities). An ongoing campaign in the campus newspaper, and meetings with head librarians and administrators should ease the way. The American Library Association Task Force on Gay Liberation, above, may be contacted for assistance.

Fundraising for the gay organization can be quite a challenge. Gay dances, women's dances, speakers, poetry readings and other events are all functions at which admission may be charged. On a more grand scale, a gay cultural festival may be held, as Gays at Penn have staged for several seasons at the University of Pennsylvania. Most recently, state funds earmarked for cultural use were channeled to the Gay Cultural Festival at Penn, and conservative Pennsylvania state senators staged a protest and attempted legal retribution.

A gay cultural festival can have one or two events each weekend for a period of several weeks, or it can take place over a solidly-packed week of events. Flyers can be widely distributed and all possible media notified. Flyers should be professionally printed if possible. Admission should always be charged. Lectures, concerts, drama, dance, visual art, poetry and prose readings, and films are all possibilities.

The Foundation Directory and *Encyclopedia Of Associations* are two tools, which may give leads to organizations giving grants to gay organizations, found in most public libraries. A professional librarian at a public or academic library may suggest leads in the area for obtaining public or private

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Life in a Women's Dorm

By Linda Jacobson

This is the month when I lug my clothing, stereo, books, and various suitable scholastic paraphernalia into the same place I moved to last September and the one before — my dorm. During the year, when I attended one of Boston's biggest private universities, I live in a small brownstone-turned-women's residence with twenty other people. It's a perfect nest for a young woman during her college years; there's a fairly spacious bathroom on each floor, so there's plenty of room to store each young woman's deodorants, cosmetics, Nair, and Jolen. Our back windows lead out to shaky cast-iron fireladders that go to the roof — THE ideal spot for a quickie tan. And our front windows conveniently look out over the front steps of four M.I.T. fraternity houses. Living in an all-women's residence, you need not have qualms about running frantically around half-dressed, looking for mascara because you have a date in twenty minutes. There's always someone around who's close to your dress size in case you have nothing suitably seductive to wear to the frat formal. A nice, comfortable, natural habitat/home for today's young college woman, which is what I am.

There's only one problem; I'm gay. Did I say "problem?" I'm not sure that's the correct word, although I will not shun the fact that being gay in such an atmosphere will bring about some difficulties. The first September when I moved into the house, I was not gay; at least, I was unaware of the fact at that time. But that was okay . . . in a

women's residence, as a freshman, my main desire was to properly fit into place, deodorants and all. I managed all right. And time flew, as it tends to do, and I became a sophomore — older . . . and wiser. For while I was supposed to be immersed in Economics 101 and Intro. to American Politics, some major changes occurred in my life and I discovered new things about myself (and, naturally, *others* discovered these new things about me; nothing escapes the insidious dorm grapevine). You are now reading my thesis, my treatise on being gay in a women's dorm.

In general, being gay in a female-inhabited brownstone is an adventure, an advantage, a challenge, a chore . . . some people might call it an invitation to instant alienation. That is something with which I can't always agree.

Some dorm mates thought my activities were quite chic. After all, homo- and bi-sexuality are The Thing these days, and I was part of something different, something cool and peaceably but powerfully anti-Establishment. It has been said that lesbianism is a political statement, and I was obviously making such a statement. There were the friends who were fascinated by me, suddenly wanting to know about my thoughts and experiences, my ideas and ideals, my views of Anita Bryant and the ERA. I guess I disappointed them, because I never really planned on making a political statement. I was just being me; though I will readily give anyone my opinion of Anita.

To some, I was an enigma, a question mark, a curiosity. At night when I'd



Tim Grant

be perusing the pages of my textbooks, I would occasionally look up to find my roommate staring at me, chewing thoughtfully on the tip of her pen. The girl from downstairs would come into our room to ask for a pencil, all the while slyly examining my bed and bulletin board out of the corners of her eyes. A bit nerve-racking . . . for a while I was smoking more cigarettes than usual, but eventually I grew accustomed to this semi-secretive scrutiny.

Of course, there were several house residents who began to steer clear of me and ignored my presence. One of my closest freshman-year companions was disgusted by my change in lifestyle, according to her cool treatment of me. Oh, well, she also had a hard time accepting the fact that I'm Jewish.

And then there were the kind souls who felt that I was merely going through a difficult late-adolescent phase, and they vowed to stick by me, give me moral guidance, and be my

friends as I was in dire need of help and understanding. I shall remember them always.

The majority of my cohabitants and cohorts, though, never did much more than bat an eyelid or two at my ideas and evening activities that so differed from theirs. These were the friends who continued playing backgammon and studying with me because they understood that gayness was now a part of me, and did not categorize it as an emotional problem, an immoral vice, or a nasty habit.

Coming out affects one's friends and acquaintances in various ways. How to deal with them all? I can't say I ever really tried to do so; I took a self-centered viewpoint and figured, "Well, it's *their* problem." I just existed, endured, and enjoyed. And I shall continue to do so. I don't know if gayness is a part of the Permanent Me — but for now, I'm doing fine. And once again, I find myself looking forward to the school year.

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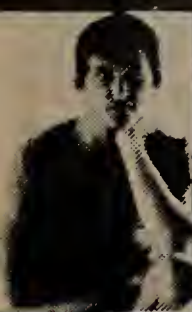
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To Be Young, Gifted, Black . . . and Gay

By Moe Taylor

I'm sixteen and I live in Harlem. Most of my friends have quit school but I still go. The reason for that is I want to make something of my life, and I think I can. I can draw and I want to be an artist or designer. Maybe someday you'll see my name on a painting and remember that I wrote this when I was sixteen.

I'm also gay. I first had sex with other boys when I was eight and I haven't stopped yet. My mother knows but she doesn't care. All she wants me to do is stay in school. I don't know my dad. The only other person who cares about me being gay is my brother Tom. He's eighteen and he doesn't like his little brother much. He used to beat me up but now I'm taller than he is, even if he is stronger. Sometimes he

calls me names, but as long as he doesn't hit me, I don't care.

The only bar I go to is in the Village and my friend Poochie, who's also gay, took me there for the first time last year. I like to dance and they play good music. The bar is mostly for blacks, but they let white guys in too. One time I went to a bar that was mostly whites and I didn't like it. Not that anyone was mean to me or anything. I just want to be around my friends.

Being gay in Harlem can be okay, but it can also be rough. A lot of guys at school make fun of me and call me names and I've gotten beaten up a few times. But most people don't care. Most people just accept me as I am and don't bother me.

If I go to art school I think things will be better there because more gay people will be there. There are only a

few of us at school that admit we're gay. Some of the guys I've made it with have girlfriends and pretend to be straight but I know better. One of my teachers last year was gay and he's been nice to me.

One time I was walking down 125th St. and this car pulled over with a white dude inside and he started talking to me. I could tell right away that he wanted me to go home with him but I was a little suspicious. I went with him finally. He told me that he sometimes drives up here to look for black guys and he likes blacks better than whites.

I don't feel bad about being gay. It's like I was born gay just like I was born black and it's fine with me. The only time I start wishing I could be straight is when I realize I won't have a wife and kids, which I always wanted. I think I would make a good father.



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made me very angry, but I didn't know what to do, so I just swore at him and left the room.

There are a couple of graduate students and faculty members who are in my dorm who my lover tells me are gay, but I would never let them know about me. Sometimes I think they suspect because they see me with my lover, but I really don't care about that.

At Harvard there are lots of rumors going around about who's gay and who's bisexual. Someone I met in a bar told me I should join the swimming

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Living in the Closets of Harvard

By Ross Wickham

Going to Harvard College is a strange experience for anyone. Some people consider it an exciting privilege, while others regret they ever passed through the ivy covered gates. Attending this school is made even more bizarre for me, because, in addition to attending classes, socializing with my classmates and studying to pass exams, I'm learning to deal with the fact that I'm more attracted to the Harvard man than to the Radcliffe woman.

I've known I was gay since I was young, probably around the age of twelve, but I had never admitted it to myself until earlier this year. I still feel uncomfortable around certain kinds of gay men and I have not had the nerve

to go to any of the Harvard Gay Students' functions. I guess this is because I'm afraid to run into people I know from school, or that some of my friends at school will find out that I'm gay. I hope there will come a time when I'm not afraid of this, but until that time, I'll keep my sexual ramblings limited to bars on the other side of the Charles River.

I know only two gay men at school. One is my lover who is a graduate student. I met him at sherry hour at our department offices nine months ago. The other is this guy who lives in my dorm. He's active in the gay students group and seems like a nice enough fellow, except I'm too nervous about being thought to be gay to be

friends with him.

The hardest time living in a dorm at Harvard is weekend nights when all my friends go out to mixers or to Wellesley or some of the other colleges for women. I have to make excuses for not going. I still date women occasionally, especially for certain parties and dances at school, but usually on weekends I spend a quiet evening at home with my lover.

I don't know if my two roommates know that I'm gay. I try to keep it a secret, but I think they suspect. One time this guy was in our room and he was telling a joke that made fun of gay people. I couldn't bring myself to laugh at it and he said "What's wrong, Ross? Taking it personally?" That

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What Will Mom and Dad Say?

By Sue Cabot

Once there was a girl, and, like a lot of other girls, when she was about fifteen years old she fell in love. The event happened one day when Jean was sitting on a rock in the middle of a field with Sara, a close friend. The field belonged to the farm where Jean and Sara had summer jobs. Sitting on that rock, Jean suddenly realized that Sara was the most wonderful thing on earth and she told her so. Sara seemed to feel the same way about Jean and that was that. They both thought the whole thing was quite terrific.

Within a week they were fired from work. They were both rather shattered at having been found out so rapidly, for they had been convinced of their subtlety. In this frame of mind they allowed themselves to be quietly dispatched to their respective parents. Both sets of parents were outraged, just as the people on the farm had been. Jean's parents spent three days yelling at her, sending her to her room, talking to her, yelling at her, and sending her to her room again. At the end of the three days, they took her out for a beer and declared the matter finished.

But Jean and Sara were still in love. Things were desperate: they were forbidden to communicate with each other and they lived one hundred miles apart. At first sending letters was enough. They had to arrange a secret delivery place, but that was fairly easy to do. When Jean told her friend Lesley that Jean's parents disapproved of Jean's boyfriend, and please could she let his letters come to her house, Lesley was delighted and willing to comply.

After about a month of this, Sara and Jean were ready for action. They planned for Sara to take a bus to

Jean's town for the day. When she arrived they had a few hours together before she had to leave to get back home for dinner. Jean trotted home from the bus station, and was grabbed at the door and locked in her room. Somehow her parents had found out. They called Sara's parents and Sara was thrown out of her house.

At first Sara's departure from home seemed the best thing that could have happened to her. But she was seventeen, in her last year of school, and she found that she could not pay the rent with a part-time job. She dropped out of school and began working full time.

Meanwhile, Jean was not allowed to leave her house except to go to school. Between classes she called Sara, but telephone calls were depressing and Sara sounded further away from her every day. Then one day, at the beginning of winter, Sara told Jean not to call any more. Jean agreed it was for the best, and that was the end of their relationship.

Jean stayed with her parents for a few more months, but she felt more and more uncomfortable, as if her parents were constantly watching her. When she turned sixteen, she asked to leave home, and her parents agreed. Jean left and, although she never saw Sara again, she lived happily ever after.

This is a story about growing up gay. I don't think I can add anything to the subject except to say that this is what happened to me. Everyone who is gay has their own story and coped with their own problems. I can't summarize my feelings about growing up gay; I can't say "it's a drag" or "it's not a drag." My feelings are swirling, confused, ever changing. Growing up gay is a story that has not ended.



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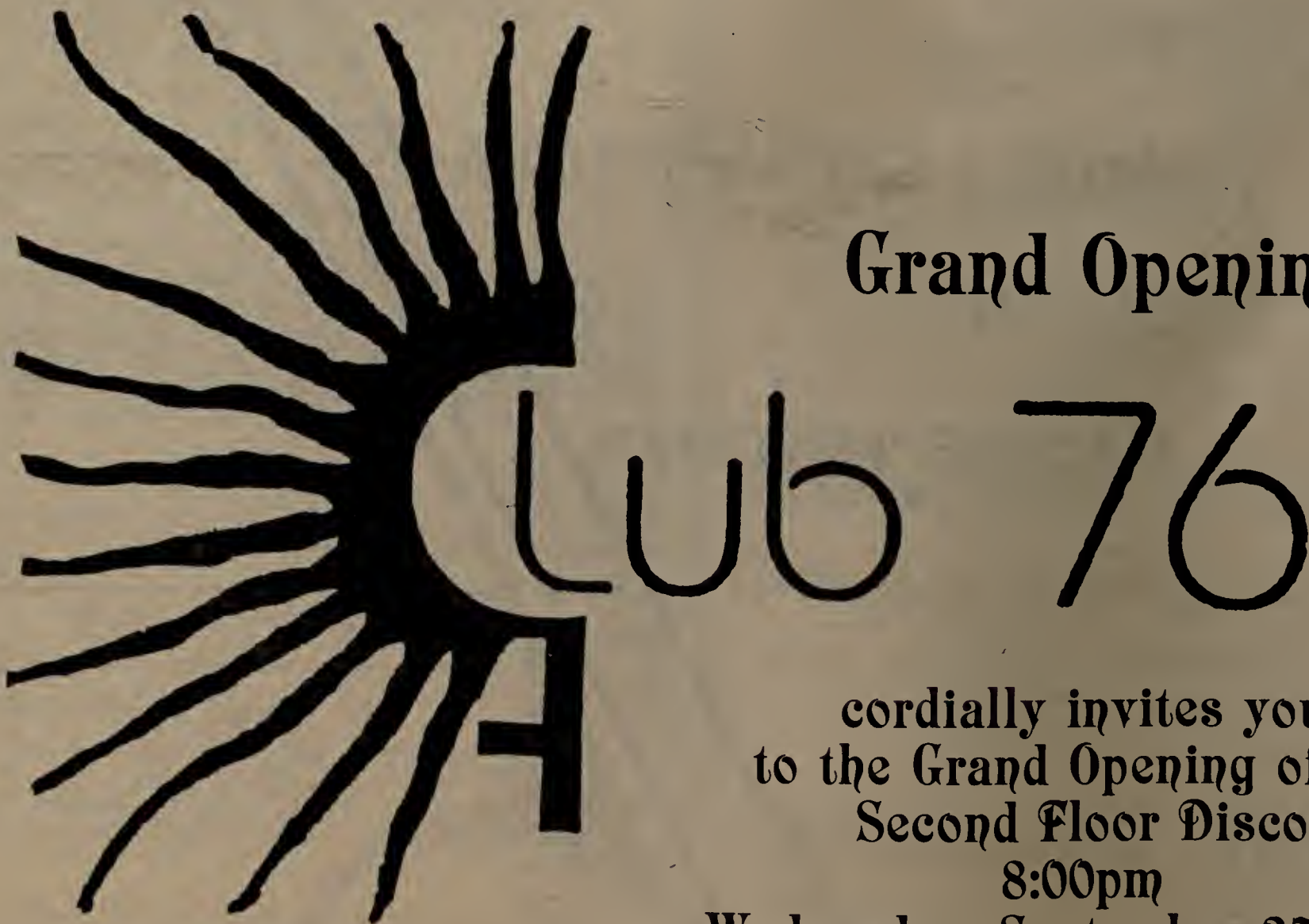
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A Youth Liberation Pamphlet.
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 40 pp. Youth Liberation Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1978. \$1.25.

Reviewed by Bill Mulhern

I turned 25 last week, which means that my freshman year in high school started almost exactly eleven years ago, in 1967. I feel that there can never be enough distance between my adolescence and me; it was a horrible time, and I'm still recovering from it. I read *Growing Up Gay*, therefore, with decidedly mixed feelings: sadness, anger, sympathy, bitterness, and disbelief. I almost didn't survive high school, and it's a wonder to me that not only do kids make it through with their sanity intact but that some of them are able to positively affirm their homosexuality in the face of overwhelming hostility.

But as the dozen essays in *Growing Up Gay* make clear, no one, especially no one gay, emerges from that time of life unscathed, or has an easy time of it. When you're a gay teenager and just coming out you're so *alone*. Do any of you who read this review remember what it was like? Do you even want to? To live with your family, to go to school, to be inescapably immersed in heterosexual values and virulent homophobia, and to have absolutely no recourse from this. No one to talk to, no Gay Hotline to call, no gay-affirming

books to read, no positive gay role models to emulate. When I started high school, two years before Stonewall, there was nothing, nothing at all. Well, there were books by Bieber and Socarides in the town library, but that's worse than nothing. At least today kids have, theoretically, more access to information and have someone and somewhere to turn to if they're within reach of a gay organization and know about it.

The teenagers who wrote *Growing Up Gay* are the fortunate few who have not been thwarted either by pressure to conform or by lack of contact with an organized gay community. The latter is a privilege inconceivable to the teenagers of scarcely ten years ago. Privileged or not, the courage of these young writers awes me. Neither society nor high school have changed much in the past decade, and the treatment at home and in school that some of them have had to endure is enragingly familiar.

It's all too easy for adults to forget their "roots." Who wants to relive a painful past? But this same past is lived daily by those who have to run the gauntlet that is high school. The adult gay community has been less than gracious in its treatment of younger gays, who have to deal not only with oppression at the hands of their straight peers, but also ageism from older gays.

It's all really too much, complain the authors of *Growing Up Gay*, and I agree.

I noticed with some curiosity that lesbians outnumber young gay men as writers in this pamphlet. I studied the essays that each sex had to offer more closely. Almost uniformly, the women were more politicized, sophisticated, and articulate than their male counterparts. Although they also complained of ageism in the women's community, at least, for women, there is a *community*. Young gay men have no such option. Blame for that lies solely on the heads of us older gay men.

This is *Growing Up Gay*'s second edition. The first was published B.A. (Before Anita) and several essays in the new edition are patently dated. I was a little disappointed that more new material was not presented. Nevertheless, *Growing Up Gay* is the only thing of its kind, and as such, invaluable. It should be on every high school library's shelves and on every guidance counselor's desk. If only there were some way of mass-distributing it in high schools across the land (maybe airplane drops?). The encouragement this pamphlet would bring could spare millions of gay teenagers much unhappiness and probably save some lives.

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Growing Up Gay can be ordered from Youth Liberation Press Inc., 2007 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104 at \$1.25 a copy. Quantity discounts are available. In Boston the book is available at Redbook, 136 River St., Cambridge and in NYC at the Oscar Wilde Bookstore on Christopher St.

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team because lots of guys there are gay. Also some of the houses are known to have higher gay populations than others, but that has not influenced my choice of living quarters.

I get a little jealous of those gay people who can join the gay group on campus and can be vocal about being gay. I wish I weren't so afraid and so cautious. Still, I feel that in a year I have made great progress "coming out" and there may come a time when I can write this kind of article under my real name.



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POETRY

Nature as Savior

FALSE CLUES
By Ron Schreiber.
67 pp. Ithaca: Calamus Books: 1977.

AGAINST THAT TIME
By Ron Schreiber.
39 pp. Cambridge, Mass.: Alice James Books: 1978. \$3.50.

Reviewed by Harry Seng
Ron Schreiber is a poet who admires (even envies) the economy of nature: in late summer squirrels begin to gather nuts. before the first snow they have buried them. ("doing shitwork")

We suspect that most of his poems, those that deal with the messiness and complexity of life apart from nature, were written in natural sanctuaries. In the eleventh section of "waiting for a kingfisher" he tells us as much:

so much to carry:
one bag for blackberries,
one bag for blueberries &

black huckleberries mixed,
a pine stick to peel,
a pad to write on & a pen.

not many clothes to wear.
the noon sun is bright.
nothing feels like a burden.

Schreiber attacks those elements in present-day society that would deny him (and us) access to nature, those who use technology to keep the natural at bay:

along the street cars tear off dogs' legs.
pray for the car, they say here.
("pray for all of us")
There is no escape into nature; Schrei-

ber is prepared to do battle-("news from the pigpen"). Nature in these poems is an antidote to the poison that our male-dominated society has become. When Schreiber asks us to pray for the bleeding tree, it is not a sentimental plea. It is a last ditch attempt to salvage what is left, a warning that even our private huddles with lovers and friends cannot save us: eight of us faggots are huddled together on a slope, groping each other, enjoying it, but a supporting wall gives way, then another . . . ("land's end")

Schreiber's laments are never maudlin, even in those poems which take us to the brink of emotional survival or collapse. It is only when he forgets that we have only the page in front of us, when the personal becomes idiosyncratic, that we are deprived of his discoveries. The clues are not false. They simply are not precise enough. In the untitled poem on page 81 of *Against That Time*, the speaker's anxiety over a detained lover stems from a source far outside the poem. There are no images here to help us decipher the message. We don't distrust the intensity of the feeling (one seldom does in any of the poems) but it is more clinical than poetic. We see in other poems that Schreiber is obsessed with the idea of absence.

Some of the "Tom" poems are marred by this private voice which almost strives to exclude us. I've always been put off by the appearance of lovers' names in poems. If feeling survives into language, it is because those feelings are part of us, and not specifically about Ron and Tom. There

are no names to distract us in "starting to subtract":

I called you beautiful
& you began to believe me, but
you found me ugly
for telling you so.

The leap from the personal feeling to the political statement is smooth, is poetically logical:

man.
it's not a word I
use anymore, thinking of myself
or people I have been in love with.
man-
ipulative. male.
making one's own way.
making it alone.
a bouncy raft running the rapids.
you steer better than I'd
ever want to, man.

What is central to Ron Schreiber's poetry is his refusal to accept the term sexual politics on the theoretician's ground. There are battles fought for lust and emotional survival that have nothing to do with loving someone politically correct. There is always the juxtaposition of things as they might be and things as they are:

resina, a bitter or resinous
taste, like a pitcher's hands after he's
rubbed them
or before you take him to bed at night,
though he's afraid

sportswriters will learn of his predilection

for older men . . . ("a summer cruise")
"before the celtics game" begins on an almost naively idealistic note with the speaker singing the praises of young hets who have picked him up hitchhiking. It is not until the last few lines that we realize that this was only to bring us down harder:
the way to get a ride
in Boston a sunny
day before the basket

ball game with the
Warriors those black
players these

white boys in the car
And is there hope in Schreiber's vision? Yes, with qualification. There are the chosen friends, the enclaves of faggots and women. In the last poem in *Against That Time*, botching a line in a poem suggests lives that have been botched. The way out—
but you can trust him trust you to say

not what is eloquent but what always
would be honest
if we only knew you & I what we really
wanted
& how to love every day every detail of
our lives.
("letter to dick")

THEATER

A LESBIAN PLAY FOR LUCY
By Eleanor Hakim.
Music by Tamara Bliss.
At Medusa's Revenge, NYC.

Reviewed by Shirley Powell
A Lesbian Play For Lucy is described on the program as "a mythical play in concert version." To this reviewer, the play appeared to be a workshop rather than a full scale production. Any one of several interpretations could be made of this symbolic play. One interpretation might be that coming out as a lesbian means leaving the "Mother" or authority figure behind. Persephone appears in this play as the dutiful, stifled daughter. Athena has become an androgenous sailor offering romantic adventures, freedom and a life of reason to Persephone. And the role of demanding, erratic mother is given to Hecate, who is also seen as a source of safety and security. One could also think of the three characters as the three levels of con-

sciousness — parent, child, and adult — which become integrated to produce a mature personality. Reference is made in the play to the daughters of Oedipus: Antigone who independently forged her own way, and Ismene who was docile and stayed by the hearth. There are suggestions of incestuous relations between Hecate and Persephone, as well as allusions to Athena's hope that Persephone will be her mother. The playwright seems to be saying too many things; an ambitious attempt that never quite works. The Lucy of the title is Lucy Bate, feminist playwright from Cambridge who suggested that Hakim write a lesbian play. In the final moments of the play, the characters admit that they haven't performed a lesbian play and the Lucy must write one herself. Indeed it does seem that, other than in the title, the play is not particularly lesbian, but could describe any woman's coming of age. In any case, the ending is feeble and the production is a disappointment.

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Gay Organization

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funds for gay organizations — depending upon the scope of the librarian's knowledge.

In addition, clearing houses for grant-seekers have sprung up in most large cities. In Boston, there is a Foundation Services at the following number which may prove helpful: (617) 227-2122. There is also the Associated Foundation of Greater Boston, 294 Washington Street, Suite 501, Boston 02108. The latter apparently has a large regional collection of materials related to foundations. Metropolitan Cultural Alliance, 250 Boylston St., Boston 02116, (617) 247-1460 deals with cultural organizations, providing assistance and information. Peter Jablow is listed as the contact person for organizations approaching the Alliance, and this organization might be fruitful for gay organizations wishing funds for staging a cultural festival (particularly travel funds for participants). In Philadelphia, the Regional Foundation Center of the Free Library, Logan Square, Philadelphia 19103, (213) 686-5423, houses the regional foundation collection. There is also The Clearing House at 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia 19102, (215) 564-3155, for grants of all types. In New York City, The Foundation Center is at 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019 (212) 975-1120. Professional librarians should be able to help in other cities to locate the nearest grant clearing house, plus, as mentioned above, state and federal sources of funds.

Tax exempt status should be sought by the gay organizations from the IRS as soon as it acquires a bank account. Recently, gay organizations have succeeded in getting tax-exempt status and proving their educational merit. Soliciting gay alumni, who might wish to contribute financially to provisions for gays at their alma mater, might be accomplished through alumni publications, once the gay community on campus has established good relations with the administration.

A gay/lesbian hotline for information and peer counselling is an excellent thing if the campus is large enough to support one. The smallest campuses may find that staffing the hotline is too great a problem. A hotline may advertise as being in service only a few set hours each week on one or two days or evenings per week if: (a) the campus is not large and the hotline is being installed on an experimental basis, (b) it is summertime or exam time, (c) staffing has already become a problem.

The greatest problems of any gay hotline are staffing and funding. Getting committed, responsible people is always a problem. There will always be a turnover, sometimes a rapid one, and new volunteers should always be advertised for. On a campus, where people have pressing commitments with their studies and sometimes pressing problems, volunteer help will cause many problems.

Funding should be sought for the telephones from the administration. Where this has yet to be accomplished, and if other campus sources of funds are not available, some of the fund-raising activities mentioned above may channel income into the hotline. At worst, members of the campus gay community may collect money among themselves, but this does not seem a solid enough basis of income for a telephone. A reliable coordinator/treasurer is certainly an asset for any gay organization.

When first beginning, a small group of hotline volunteers should attempt to talk to experts who have set up hotlines in other areas (preferably gay hotlines). This small group should serve as the core group, first to gain experience on the hotline, then to train new volunteers. Training sessions can be held with groups for new volunteers and a lecture by one of the core staffing groups. There should also be a required number of hours in which the new volunteer is monitored on the hotline by a trainer.

The initial core group should talk to people who have worked with suicide prevention — either as counselors or on a hotline. Literature on suicide calls should be made available for new volunteers, as should venereal disease information and resources. A campus psychologist or psychiatrist might be a source of information and materials. One non-gay publication that may prove helpful is

Crisis center hotline: a guidebook to beginning and operating.

Delworth, Ursula et al

C. C. Thomas publisher, 1972.

\$9.75

If funding permits, equipment which provides a taped message during telephone off-hours is an excellent investment. Alternative sources of help can be listed, plus any important calendar information.

It would be ideal for any college or university to offer, at least, a one credit course devoted to gayness. Perhaps this could be achieved through the women's studies program, if one already exists. Such a course or courses should only be taught by gay people, as we have had enough preaching about gayness by non-gays to last us forever. Suggested course topics might include: the history of the gay liberation movement, gay and lesbian fiction, lesbianism and the women's movement, religion and gayness.

In 1975, the following publication appeared, edited by J. Lee Lehman of the National Gay Student Center: *Gays On Campus*, published by the U.S. National Student Association, 2115 "S" Street, Washington DC 20008 (tel. 202-265-9890). The National Gay Student Center, care of the NSA above, also has published gay curriculum lists edited by Ms. Lehman.

On the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, gay people are very active. The organization Gays at Penn is housed by the Christian Association, right in the heart of the campus. Telephones are provided for gay peer counseling, and they serve a wide urban community. A lesbian hotline is also housed by (but not funded by) the Christian Associ-

ation. The men and women of Gays at Penn have separate Happy Hours each week, which are widely publicized. Dances are sometimes held. The organization has sponsored gay cultural festivals and lecture/entertainment series over the past few years. The Christian Association has provided a gay intern each year (a theological student with an outreach to the gay community). Now there is a full-time position titled Coordinator of Gay Programs, funded by the Christian Association. The position is designed with the following program areas in mind: advocacy and institutional legitimation, development of an independent financial and organizational base, leadership and support for university gay organizations, liaison with other gay community groups, counseling and educational support.

In addition to this revolutionary program, the Christian Association at Penn housed many gay organizations and events that were not university related or based, in the years before Philadelphia had a Gay Community Center and other facilities. The "C-A," as it is lovingly called, has certainly lived up to its spiritual values in its outreach to gays on and off campus.

The gay friendships made during college years can last a lifetime. It is important that they be facilitated in order to prevent the anguish of isolation and loneliness that may prevail throughout young adulthood. The needs of the gay minority on campuses must be met.

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White male 5'10", 190 lbs. brn hair & eyes, looking for correspondence w/ht foxy t.v. or t.s. photo a must. Kenneth Jeffer No. 058585, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091 (2)

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NEW ENGLAND BAR GUIDE

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD

NICK'S CAFE HOUSE
1943 Broad St. (203) 522-1933

TONY R's
170-174 High St.
third world

THE WAREHOUSE CAFE
61 Woodbine St.

CHEZ-EST
238 Columbus Blvd.

BANANA
148 West Service Rd.

EVERGREEN
Webster St.
(women)

NEW HAVEN

PARTNER'S
365 Crown St. (203) 624-5510
(separate women's room)

NOBODY'S FAULT
334 Whalley Ave.

DUNGEON
130 Crown St. (203) 776-6404
(leather & levis; men)

THE PUB CAFE
168 York (203) 789-8612

PARKWAY
1574 Chapel St. (203) 776-1608

NEW BRITAIN

THE OASIS
20 Chestnut St.

SALTY DOG
Pequot Ave.

NEW LONDON

FRANK'S PLACE
9 Tilley St.

THE CORRAL
727 Bank St.

NEW MILFORD

THE ANSWER CAFE
235 Danbury Rd. Rte. 7

WATERBURY

CLUB CAFE
384 W. Main St.

WESTPORT

THE BROOK
919 Boston Post Rd. East
(203) 226-6204
Vincent's Disco
925 State St. East

MAINE

AUGUSTA

FLO'S TAVERN
N. Belfast Ave. (Rte. 7)
(207) 622-4393

LEWISTON

BLUE SWAN
Canal St.

OGUNQUIT

ANABEL'S
Rte. 1 (at Maine St.)
(207) 646-8453

ORONO

LUNA BASE ONE
Rte. 2 (disco; mixed)

PORTLAND

PHOENIX
83 Oak St. (207) 773-5695

ONE WAY

10 Union Place
ROLAND'S TAVERN
413A Cumberland Ave.
(207) 772-9159

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON

BOSTON EAGLE
88 Queensberry St. 247-9586
Leather. Men. Thurs. Club Nite, Sunday
Brunch 3PM. Movies Mon. & Tues. 8PM

THE BAR
252 Boylston St. 247-9308

Disco dancing, mostly men.

CARNIVAL LOUNGE
39 Boylston St. 338-7159

Dancing. Mixed.

CHAPS
27 Huntington Ave. 266-7778
Food. Men.

CITADEL
22 Avery St. 482-9040
Dancing. Men.

CLUB 76
76 Battery March St. 542-3377
A place for women and their friends

DARTS
271 Dartmouth St. 536-8200
Dancing. Men.

DELIVERY ENTRANCE
At The House Restaurant
12 Wilton St., Allston 783-5701
Men & Women. "It's Different"

ENCORE
1256 Boylston St.
Dancing. Men.

HARRY'S PLACE
45 Essex St.
Dancing. Men.

HERBIE'S RAMROD ROOM
12 Carver St. 338-8577
Leather. Men. Sunday Brunch 7PM Thurs.

JACQUES

79 Broadway 338-7502

Mixed. Dancing.

NAPOLEON CLUB

52 Piedmont St. 338-7547

Dancing Fri., Sat., Sun. Men.

PLAYLAND

21 Essex St.

Men (some Women)

119 MERRIMAC

119 Merrimac St. 523-8960

Dancing. Men. Tues.-Thurs. Buffet 9-11PM

SAINTS

(Call 354-8807) Women

SOMEWHERE

295 Franklin St. 423-7730

Disco Dancing. Mixed.

Sunday Brunch 12-2PM

SPORTER'S CAFE

228 Cambridge St.

Food. Men. Saturday Brunch 5PM.

Movies Mon., 3PM; Sunday Brunch 3PM

STYX

20 Blagden St. 247-3910

Disco. Dancing. Men.

THE SHED

272 Huntington Ave.

Leather. Men. Sunday Brunch 4PM

TOGETHER

110 Boylston St.

Disco Dancing. Mixed.

1270

1270 Boylston St. 261-1257

Disco Dancing. Mixed (mostly Men)

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Men

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78 Covet St.

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NORTHAMPTON

CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar Items is Wednesday at noon for the following issue.

16 sat

Boston — Carnival on Clemente Field in the Fenway, starting at 2am. Rides, booths, drinks, all to benefit Massachusetts Adolescent and Family Services.

Boston — Clearspace presents the "Last Rose of Summer" dance for men. Free admission. For more info call 227-4327

17 sun

Boston — Boston Gay Unitarians will feature "Behind the Scenes in the English Theatre," with Craig Dudley, 7pm at 355 Boylston.

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) will feature Ed Mede, defendant in the alleged Revere sex case. 9am.

Babylon, NY — The monthly meeting of the New Coalition for Human Rights of Long Island will take place at the Mark V Lounge, Lake Ronkonkoma, at 8pm. A benefit will follow at 11pm. \$3 donation. For more info call (516) 665-7373.

18 mon

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folk Dancing, 6:30-10pm. 3rd floor Phillips Brooks House, near Harvard Yard. All are invited.

19 tues

MA — Today is Primary Election Day in Massachusetts and many other states. Vote!

20 wed

Providence, RI — "Gay USA" will be shown at 134 Mattewson St. for the benefit of MCC Providence for one showing, 7:30pm.

21 thurs

NYC — The West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave., will present "Masturbation for Fun and Profit," exploring the therapeutic values and pleasures, myths and superstitions of masturbation. For men and women.

Cambridge, MA — The Gay Speakers Bureau will hold its annual meeting in the Peabody Room, Phillips Brooks House in the northeast corner of Harvard Yard at 7pm. The slide show "Straight Talk About Lesbians" will be featured at the meeting

22 fri

Providence, RI — Wine and cheese open house sponsored by Gay Community Services, at Rm. 306, 55 Eddy St., behind the Municipal Court House.

Amherst, MA — The People's Gay Alliance at U. Mass at Amherst cordially invites all people to a Gay Disco Party. The event will run from 9pm until 12:30am on the 10th floor of the Campus Center. There is a \$1 donation at the door.

Natick, MA — Flo Kennedy will be the principal speaker at the Abortion Rights Coalition's Dubious Distinction Awards Evening. Along with speakers, the evening will include songs, skits, and home-made apple pie. For more info contact N.R. Wachs at 655-2736.

Cambridge, MA — "The Chicago Mother Story" and "Union Maids" will be shown as part of the Fifth Annual Women's Health Weekend. There will be two showings at 7 and 9pm at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Suggested donation \$1. Sponsored by the Women's Community Health Center.

23 sat

Philadelphia — Daniel Berrigan, who gained fame as an antiwar activist, will speak on "Religion and Gay Civil Rights" at a lecture sponsored by Dignity. The lecture will be at 3pm at the Christian Association, 36th St. and Locust Walk, on the University of Pennsylvania campus. Free admission.

Cambridge, MA — The Women's Community Health Center is sponsoring its Fifth Annual Women's Health Weekend in cooperation with the Cambridge YWCA, to be held on the 23rd and 24th. There will be workshops, panels, and screening around women's health issues. For more info call 547-2302.

San Francisco — A forum for the first large-scale exchange of litigation strategies in the area of gay rights has been announced by the Gay Students Association at Hastings College of Law, co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Law Student Division. For more information contact Mike Hall at (415) 861-7080.

Rochester, NY — Rally for Rights, on the occasion of Anita Bryant's visit to Rochester. Genesee Crossroads Park (behind the Holiday Inn downtown) 2:30-5pm. For information call GAGV (716) 244-8640.

Baltimore, MD — "Gymnasium," by H. Jones Baker. Benefit night for Gay Community Services. 8pm at Corner Theater in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, University Parkway at St. Paul St. Champagne reception with the author, producer and cast. Tickets \$5. For more info call (301) 837-3755.

Watertown, MA — The New England Women's Symphony will hold auditions on the 23rd and 24th from 2 till 8pm at 23 Main St., 3rd floor, Watertown Sq. Auditions will consist of a prepared piece and sightreading. For more info call 782-8225.

24 sun

Cambridge, MA — Gay Folk Dancing, 3:30-6:30pm. 3rd floor Phillips Brooks House, near Harvard Yard. All are invited.

Boston — BUUGL will feature a discussion on coming out. 355 Boylston St., 7pm.

Bloomsburg, PA — An assemblage of gay and other Human Rights organizations will gather at Town Perk at 2pm to rally to protest the appearance of Anita Bryant at the Bloomsburg Fair.

25 mon

Boston — Boston Area Gay Schoolworkers, 1st meeting of the year. For all teachers, ex-teachers and schoolworkers. 7:30pm, 355 Boylston St.

Boston — Open planning meeting of Committee for Gay Youth for all youth and adults interested in working with the program. 7:30pm at Arlington St. Church, Arlington and Boylston streets.

26 tues

Cambridge, MA — The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights will hold a Disco Fundraiser at 9pm at Harry's Back East - Disco Bar, 1422 3rd Ave. between 80th and 81st Sts. All are welcome. \$2 donation at the door.

Brattleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Gay Men will hold their 4th meeting to plan activities for this newly formed group. All interested gay men invited. Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St., 7:30pm.

Boston — Boston Area Gay Schoolworkers first meeting of the year. 7pm, 355 Boylston St. All teachers, ex-teachers and schoolworkers invited.

27 wed

Boston — Jade and Sarsaparilla; Lillith; Maxine Feldman all appearing at Morse Auditorium, Boston University for a Clearspace benefit concert. Tickets are \$7.50, available at Out-of-Town, Sight and Sound, Somewhere, and Sporters

28 thurs

Cambridge, MA — The Women's School is starting its fall semester Oct. 9. Some of the classes are: The Writings of women, the Gay Movement, Women and Work, Yoga, and Mothering. The classes are at night with free childcare. Registration fee \$5. Registration for mothers on Sept. 28 and 29 from 3 to 7pm. Registration for non-mothers on Oct. 5 and 6 from 3 to 7pm, and Oct. 7 from 1 to 4pm. 595 Mass Ave, 492-4845.

Boston — The MCC Gay Deaf Club is having their third meeting. New members welcome. This is not a sign language class. Held at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. at 9pm.

29 fri

Boston — Clearspace presents the Men's Pot Luck Supper. Come enjoy end meet new friends. To be held at 103 Charles St. at 8:30pm, followed by a 7:30pm card game. For more info call 227-4327.

30 sat

Pawtucket, RI — Lesbian Mothers of RI are planning an outing to George Washington State Camp Ground (US 44, Gloucester). Bring the kids for a day of trail-blazing — bring food for a cook-out. Weather permitting. Meet in front of the Park Office at 10:30am. For more info call (401) 863-2189.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Billie's Flea Market. 10am-5pm in the parking lot of the Old Cambridge Baptist Church at 1151 Mass. Ave. Syrian food and many dealers.

Boston, MA — A meeting to elect permanent directors for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a legal defense fund for gay persons, will be held at 1pm at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Persons interested in further info concerning Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders should contact John Ward at 426-2020.

Cambridge, MA — Fall Together, speaker meeting and dance for recovering lesbian alcoholics and their women friends. 8:30pm at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. \$2.50, childcare provided.

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